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Search for 6,000 more teachers

Infants to get lion's share of schools cash

BY JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION EDITOR

YOUNG children emerged yesterday as the focus of the Government's £19 billion drive to raise education standards. The number of free nursery places for three-year-olds will be doubled, while infant class sizes in many areas will be cut two years early.

David Blunkett promised a series of initiatives in schools, colleges and universities, including the recruitment of an army of classroom assistants in state schools and a long-term move to performance-related pay for teachers. But pride of place will go to provision for the early years.

The Education and Employment Secretary pledged £1.25 billion to a co-ordinated programme of family health and education, childcare and nursery education. Almost £400 million of the money will be used to ensure that two-thirds of three-year-olds are offered nursery education by 2002 — the Government having already met its manifesto commitment to provide free places for all four-year-olds.

Mr Blunkett told MPs that the Government had started to reduce class sizes in the first years of school and pointed to the nursery places for four-year-olds, but said: "We know that if we really want to make a difference for all our children and raise standards, we have to start even younger than that."

The £540 million Sure Start programme will bring together health, social services and education services to cater for the most deprived 5 per cent of children from birth to the age of three. Another £300 million will be spent on a childcare initiative.

Extra money will also be added to the £240 million transferred from phasing out the Assisted Places Scheme in independent schools so that local authorities can limit the number of pupils in classes of five to seven-year-olds to 30 by the year after next.



"We're not playing truant — we helping to reduce class sizes"

The Local Government Association welcomed the extra money, but said that many authorities would not be able to meet the earlier deadline. It was, however, was more confident of providing the 190,000 new nursery places sought by the Education Department.

Mr Blunkett promised MPs that he intended to use the biggest investment ever in education to create the "classroom of the future". Smaller classes and the expansion of modern technology to support teaching would be matched by better motivated and more highly skilled teachers.

The extra cash will include provision for 2,000 new classrooms and 6,000 extra teachers over the next three years. There would also be an expansion in the number of classroom assistants to "transform the adult/pupil ratio".

Another £535 million in the coming financial year will fund the first of 500,000 new further and higher education places to be established by 2002. Most of the places will be in further education colleges, but universities will receive the lion's share of the money.

Ministers will be holding talks with teachers' leaders on pay, and Stephen Byers, the School Standards Minister, said that experiments with performance-related pay in education action zones would be watched closely. However, he emphasised that schools would be held to a range of targets, including reducing truancy and exclusions as well as improving examination results. There would be early intervention where progress was too slow.

Teachers' leaders welcomed the announcements, but repeated their warning that improvements in education should not come at the expense of teachers' pay. Otherwise there would not be the skilled teachers in the classroom to deliver the Government's pledges.

David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, welcomed the "extremely ambitious" targets set by the Government, but said. "I sincerely hope that when head teachers see their new school budgets, that they will be able to support their staff delivering a good education for all children, not just three-year-olds and infants."

David Willetts, the Shadow Education and Employment Secretary, accused Mr Blunkett of "fiddling" his figures, and said: "We are not talking about unprecedented investment, we are talking about unprecedented hype." He welcomed the increased spending, but criticised Mr Blunkett's "desire to interfere in every nook and cranny of what goes on in schools and colleges and universities".

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Blair throws off spendthrift image

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND ALASDAIR MURRAY

THE Prime Minister embarked on a sustained media offensive yesterday to reassure the country and the Labour party that the predicted slowdown in the economy would not derail the ambitious expenditure programmes.

With some senior Labour figures alarmed by yesterday's "spend, spend, spend" headlines Mr Blair was also at pains to rebut claims that the Government had suddenly become spendthrift.

The City reacted favourably to Gordon Brown's package. The London stock market surged to a record close ignoring fresh fears that the Bank of England may still raise rates again next month.

The FTSE 100 index of leading shares ended up 51.3 at 6151.5. Earlier shares had been at 6179.8. The London market was boosted by an overnight record close on Wall Street and a strong performance in the troubled Asian markets.

Against the background of worrying new figures showing that average earnings in April rose by 5.4 per cent, raising fears of above-inflation demands from public sector workers, Mr Blair said that Tuesday's figures had taken account of the fact that there would be a slowdown in growth.

But all day he was having fight off Conservative charges that the Government had failed to honour its pledges to cut welfare bills and was planning to spend an extra £27 billion more on social security over the three years covered by the spending review.

He told the Commons that the vast bulk of the social security spending would be on pensions, child benefit and disability benefits.

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DAVE HOLLINS

An emotional letter from Gina Jones to her dead father Glynn, top, goes forward to the finals of a national contest



Letter to dead dad a winner

SCHOOLGIRL Gina Jones has won first prize in a letter-writing contest by penning one to her father, Glynn, who died of a heart attack five years ago.

When her class of eight-year-olds was asked to write to an imaginary penfriend, Gina produced an emotional letter which had her teachers in tears. Gina's widowed mother, Sylvia, 40, says she was surprised by the letter because her little girl never talks about him.

In the carefully written two-page letter, Gina spells out details of her friends, her brothers and sister, her dog and her new father. She writes:

"Hello Dad, I thought I would write to you how I'm getting on in my life. In school things are getting great. I

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Orangemen arrested

Security forces took the Drumcree protesters by surprise in an operation that ended 11 consecutive nights of violence.

They searched the fields around the church where the Orangemen have been encamped, arrested 20 people and seized weapons and two vehicles and removed tents ..... Page 2

Tall story from the Outback

A 2½-mile high outline of a naked Aboriginal man poised to throw a stick has appeared in the South Australian desert.

An anonymous fax sent to the pub in Maree (population 60) gave directions to what it claimed was the world's largest work of art but gave no clue of how it had been made ..... Page 17

The Romanovs' photographer

A new exhibition in Moscow is drawing thousands of Russians to see photographs taken by the man they all agree was a weak leader and a disastrous politician — Tsar Nicholas II (below). The pictures start with his coronation in 1896 and are a celebration of his beloved family ..... Page 16



Viagra was invented by British scientist with five children

BY IAN MURRAY, MARK HENDERSON AND JOANNA BALE

THE father of the virility drug Viagra is a British scientist from Sandwich in Kent.

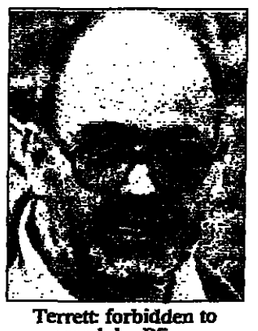
Nicholas Terrett, a father of five, is named in documents released by the Patent Office yesterday as the man who, in 1991, discovered that a mixture of sildenafil citrate — Viagra's active ingredient — was useful in the treatment of heart conditions.

Last night Dr Terrett, 40, confirmed that he and Peter Ellis had developed Viagra as an impotence treatment, but he was forbidden from speaking further about the discovery by Pfizer, the drug company. His wife Sheila said at the family home near Wingham, Kent: "It has been interesting to see the coverage, but a shame that so much of it has been so sensational."

Although Pfizer stands to make millions from the drug, Dr Terrett, who was educated at Pembroke and Corpus Chrisi Colleges, Cambridge, lives in a modest semi-detached converted oast house. In the drive is a G-registration Rover 216 GSi and a P-registration Vauxhall People Carrier.

One neighbour said last night: "They are a lovely family and Dr Terrett deserves all the success in the world. We haven't heard if he is making a lot of money from all this, but with five children we are wondering if he has been using Viagra himself to demonstrate its effectiveness."

Three years after his initial finding, Dr Terrett with Dr Ellis, another colleague at Pfizer's laboratory in Sandwich, headed the teams that found that the drugs were effective in the treatment of impotence. According to a third patent application, Peter Dunn and Alfred Wood, two chemists, created the process by which the chemicals are put together to make Viagra.



Terrett: forbidden to speak by Pfizer

The patents, which also name Andrew Bell and David Brown, are needed to protect the drug which has broken all sales records since it was licensed for use in the United States in March, but none of those named on the patent applications is likely to get an extra bonus.

According to Pfizer, hundreds worked on the development; the department leaders were put forward on the patent application "because we couldn't fit all the names of the inventors on the form".

Viagra is expected to be licensed in Britain in September and, if demand matches that in America, up to two million men could request it.

BBC asks for a licence fee rise to £110 in four years

BY RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR

THE BBC is asking the Government for a real rise in the licence fee despite believing that it can save £1 billion over a five-year period.

Sir John Birt, its director-general, said yesterday there would still be a shortfall unless "modest, incremental, real increases" were achieved. If the BBC appeal is granted the licence fee could rise to £110 by 2002.

Sir John, whose remuneration package has risen by 9 per cent to £387,000, said that without the increases the BBC would be unable to compete. "The country and the Government have got to decide what kind of BBC they want. This is the heart of the argument we will be having with the Labour Government."

The BBC will launch a public campaign before opening talks on the future of the licence fee early next year.

The fee is now tied to a five-year agreement linked to retail prices. Last year it rose in line with inflation. This year it increased by £6 to £97.50 — a rise of 3 per cent above inflation — to help pay for a move to digital.

Next year there will be an increase of 0.5 per cent above inflation which will almost certainly mean that it will pass £100 in April.

But by 2001 the increase will be 1 per cent below the rise in retail prices followed by a drop of 2.5 per cent the next year. The BBC will ask the Government to remove the negative percentages and reinstate a fee at least in line with retail prices up until 2002.

Sir John said he wanted to knock off the last two years off the agreement with the last Government and negotiate a five-year settlement starting from 2000.

The director-general's salary package was £387,000, compared to £354,000 last year: £305,000 salary, £60,000 bonus and benefits of £22,000. There was an extra £14,000 contribution to the purchase of his pension.

Sitcom failure, page 7

French give amnesty for soccer thugs

FROM BEN MACINTYRE

ENGLISH hooligans convicted in France during the World Cup may be released from prison early because of a partial amnesty decree that comes into effect today.

To mark Bastille Day, President Chirac announced that some inmates in French prisons would have their sentences reduced by a week for every month they have left to serve. Chris Anderson and Graham Whitby, both 26-year-old postmen from Liverpool jailed for setting fire to a car in Marseilles, could be free a fortnight early.

The amnesty excludes offences against minors or police officers and those jailed on drugs or terrorist charges.

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Message for Mandelson: trousered legs good, bare leg bad

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

IN THE minutes before Tony Blair arrived at the Commons for questions yesterday, I saw a horrid thing. Sitting half-obscured in a corner at the end of the front bench, Peter Mandelson decided to check that his left sock had not fallen down.

To do so, the Minister without Portfolio pulled his left trouser halfway up the leg. We were afforded a full view of the leg. The sock *extended all the way up to the knee.* No flesh was visible, just sleek, discreetly bulging, thin grey cotton, elegantly sheathing ankle and calf. Another couple of inches and the stocking could have been suspended from above the knee. There was something prewar-Berlin about the hosiery. If Marlene Dietrich had sat beside him she would not have looked out of place.

The Prime Minister stalked in. He could have joined Marlene and Peter without spoiling the picture. His face knotted with tension, skin pale and drawn tightly over the skull, Tony Blair looks like stress personified these days. Jerkily animated, he grins and rocks whenever an opponent criticises — then leaps to the dispatch box with manic energy. Gordon Brown, seated beside him, is leaden and immobile. Once, as Blair gesticulated and ranted at William Hague, I fancied I saw Brown's lip twitch. Those who remember the ventriloquist Peter Brough and his dummy, Archie Andrews, may share the shudder.

Blair and Hague locked horns in vigorous combat. A Prime Minister who has just invested £57 billion in securing the political advantage ought to have won, and Blair did, but the Tory leader gave him *quite* a fight. Each had spotted the central weakness in the other's case. Neither would let go.

Hague said Blair had failed to reform welfare and so may be hard-put to pay for his new giveaway. Blair replied that if Hague was against new spending he had better say so. Hague could not really answer this challenge but repeated his taunts about Labour's timidity over welfare reform — and managed a good joke about Geoffrey Robinson, who is becoming a useful punchbag for Tories in search of one-liners: they must pray he stays.

Blair could not really answer the taunts about timidity on welfare reform. He just kept shouting that getting people back into work *was* cutting the welfare bill: the bits that were going up were pensions, child benefit and disablement benefits — and who could be against *that*? "Tough choices?" we chuckled — imagining Frank Field, Minister for Welfare Reform, listening in a darkened room and banging his head against the wall: was this the unthinkable he had been asked to think?

Michael Fabricant (C, Lichfield), quite thoughtful but a diminutive figure with a jokily self-effacing manner and a curiously synthetic-looking thatch of straw-blond hair, repeated the question about the missing welfare reform.

From the Labour benches came farmyard noises — and to this Orwellian *Animal Farm* background, Blair began shouting "pensions — GOOD! Child-benefit — GOOD! Disability benefits — GOOD! Unemployment — BAD! *GEDDIT?*" A terrific roar of support and mockery went up from Labour MPs. One recalled the chant in *Animal Farm*: "*Four legs good — two legs bad.*"

Blair's version certainly succeeded in flattening Fabricant. But still one hesitated. One can imagine a leader with a hugely popular announcement under his belt who felt secure enough not to whip up the kids behind him into a barrage of nursery abuse intended to flatten a small and inoffensive man in an unlikely thatch. What was bugging Mr Blair?

Welfare out of control, page 8

Dawn raid clears away Drumcree extremists

BY MARTIN FLETCHER, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

SECURITY forces swooped on the Drumcree protesters yesterday in a major dawn operation that ended 11 consecutive nights of violence.

Catching the protesters by surprise, scores of soldiers and police officers moved out for the first time from behind their moat and barbed-wire barricades and cordoned off the fields around the Drumcree church, from which loyalist extremists have launched their nightly onslaughts.

Security forces spent the day searching the fields, tents and cars where the Orangemen and their supporters had been encamped, and recovered various weapons. They ejected those who were not bona fide Orangemen and arrested about 20 people for public-order offences. They also seized two vehicles and removed empty tents.

Checkpoints are to be set up to prevent troublemakers returning to the fields. The Army announced it was moving a battalion of troops back to England.

The seized weapons included blast and pipe bombs, a gun, rounds of live and spent ammunition, two crossbows, five catapults, material for petrol bombs, steel projectiles, fireworks and balaclavas.

By late yesterday only a couple of caravans, a handful of tents and one hamburger stand remained. David Jones, spokesman for the Portadown Orangemen, insisted the protest would continue, and said he welcomed the security forces' crackdown because the order did not support violence. A police spokesman, who acknowledged that peaceful protest could not legally be prevented, called the operation "an interruption in order to clear the field of devices", and said people had been moved only "to facilitate the search".

Before yesterday the security forces had been content to use plastic bullets to control the rioters, but changed tactics after yet another night during which several blast bombs, petrol bombs and other missiles were thrown at them. Gas cylinders taken from a hamburger stand were detonated by the barrier on the lane leading to the Garvaghy Road. Police believe they spotted a man in the crowd with a handgun. The number of overnight protesters has shrunk to barely 300, compared to thousands last week. Of those, the police say only two or three dozen are violent.

In the House of Commons Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, accepted that many Orangemen wanted a peaceful protest, but said they were "providing a front for others keen not just to cause violence but to destroy the Good Friday agreement".

The Church of Ireland ordered the Orangemen to stop using its Drumcree property for a protest that had spiralled out of control. The protesters have been using the rectory fields as a car park, but the land directly in front of the barricades, where the extremists have congregated each night, belongs to a local man.

Gerry Adams, Sinn Fein president, visited the Garvaghy Road and demanded that the Orangemen's siege be lifted immediately so the residents could return to a normal life. "I think this is an outrageous situation," he said.

Downing Street said efforts to resume negotiations between the Orangemen and the residents were continuing. Tony Blair called for "goodwill and dialogue".

Meanwhile, Northern Ireland's Housing Executive said 107 families, most of them Catholic, had applied to be rehoused because of intimidation during the Drumcree crisis.

One of the two men arrested in connection with the murders of the three young Quinn brothers in a sectarian arson attack on their Ballymoney home on Sunday has been released.

☐ Three Irish men and a woman charged with plotting to carry out terrorist bomb attacks in London last Friday appeared in court yesterday amid tight security.

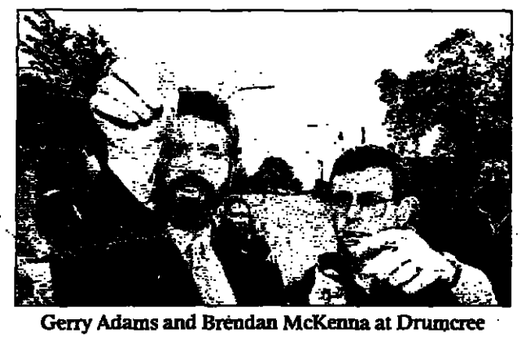
Darren Mulholland, 19, of Dundalk, Co Louth, Liam Patrick Grogan, 21, of Naas, Co Kildare, Elaine Moore, 21, of Hampstead, northwest London, and Anthony Hyland, 25, were all charged with conspiracy to cause explosions on or before July 10.

Grogan, Moore and Hyland, for whom no address was given, are also charged with possession of explosive substances. The four did not speak during the 15-minute hearing at Belmarsh Magistrates' Court in southeast London and were remanded in custody until July 23.



TIM OCKENDEN

Police arriving yesterday to clear the fields around the Drumcree church, from which loyalist extremists have harried security forces



Gerry Adams and Brendan McKenna at Drumcree

NEWS IN BRIEF

Beckett rules out Archer inquiry

The campaign by Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare to become mayor of London will be given a boost today when Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, rules out any new investigation into his purchase of shares in Anglia Television while his wife, Mary, was on the board.

In a written answer to be published today, Mrs Beckett says her officials have advised her that there is no new evidence to warrant reopening the investigation. "I have accepted that advice."

School gun scare

Eleanor Palmer primary school in Kentish Town, North London, was evacuated yesterday after police received reports that a man with an airgun had fired at a group of teenage girls as they walked past. A man was detained after armed police stormed a nearby flat.

Tube fares plea

MPs have urged the Government to cap fares and impose minimum standards before allowing the private sector to share the running of London Underground from 2000. The Commons Transport Select Committee said that ministers had given no assurances over fares.

Casinos dropped

Conservative proposals to allow casinos to open in 21 new areas including Bath, York, Harrogate, Norwich and Exeter have been dropped by the Labour Government. Some restrictions, such as on advertising, will be relaxed for the existing 115 casinos in Britain.

Marines cleared

Two Royal Marines NCOs were cleared by a court martial at the Commando Training Centre, Lympstone, Devon, of bullying recruits on a training course. A lieutenant was also cleared of failing to report complaints of alleged incidents of punching and kicking recruits.

Ramblers' joy

Ramblers have welcomed a decision to end the sale of Forestry Commission woodland into private hands. The Chancellor's spending review provides for £95 million to be allocated to the commission over the next three years in compensation for forgone sales income.

Organic appeal

An organic farmer asked the Court of Appeal to halt trials of genetically-modified maize beside his fields in Devon. The High Court denied Guy Watson a judicial review last week, saying that cross-pollination was unlikely. The Court of Appeal's decision is expected early next week.

Blair ready to back register of lobbyists

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

PRESSURE for a statutory register of lobbyists grew yesterday with the Prime Minister indicating that he could be ready to back the idea.

In the wake of the cash-for-contacts row, he also indicated that he might support a "quarantine" system that would prevent advisers associated with new Labour while in opposition immediately going to work for lobbying companies.

Calls for a register were given further momentum by Robert Sheldon, chairman of the Commons Standards and Privileges Committee. He said there was a role for people "representing those who have a legitimate interest in the legislation the Government is passing. They need to be known. They need to be registered."

Mr Blair, interviewed on the BBC Radio 4 *Today* programme, was asked his views on both registration and a quarantine period and replied: "I think all these things are worth looking at, of course."

The demands came as the directors of two lobbying firms at the centre of the row decided to accede to requests that they should withdraw from their trade association while their methods are being investigated. The Association of Professional Political Consultants called on GPC Market Access and GJW to step down after concluding that both had committed "clear breaches" of the association's code of conduct.

GPC and GJW were given 24 hours to consult their boards after representatives met APPC officials. GPC employed Derek Draper, who resigned from the firm last week after a newspaper reported he had claimed to have access to Government "inside information". GJW provided an embargoed copy of a House of Commons select committee report to an undercover reporter posing as a client and has since apologised to the House of Commons authorities.

In his interview, Mr Blair stressed that the Government had already acted to tighten up controls on relations between lobbying companies and government employees. "There is no evidence that I have seen that any member of the Government has granted improper access to people or has changed policy as a result of improper pressure being put on them."

He said if there was any evidence that someone had done something wrong, "then I can assure you I will deal with it very, very firmly indeed".

Letter

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have a nice teacher and some wonderful friends like Michaela, Lucy, Julie, Sarah, Christie and Kayleigh."

Introducing her father, who died aged 35, to "mum's new man", she continues:

"I was happy to have Karl as our step-dad because you had a heart attack when me and Jake were four and we didn't have a dad. So that was why I was sad."

Later, she adds: " . . . I am happy because I have got a new dog. I would love you to be my penfriend forever because you are kind and you are funny.

"Remember pancake day when you tossed the pancake into the sky and it got stuck to the ceiling and you looked up and it fell on your face? And remember when the lasagne fell on your lap? I am missing you and I am very happy to write to you. Love Gina"

Gina's mother said she was tearful but enormously proud when teachers showed her Gina's letter which took first prize out of 13,500 entries in the Royal Mail's young letter writers "perfect penpal" competition. Her letter also wins £100 for her school, Llanidloes County Primary in Powys, Mid Wales.

"She is quite deep for a little girl and this shows she has not forgotten her dad."

Gina's letter won the Welsh section of the competition for undernines and goes through to the British national finals next month.

Robinson likely to remain at Treasury despite rebuke

BY ANDREW PIERCE
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A COMMONS committee yesterday rejected disciplinary action against Geoffrey Robinson, the Paymaster General, over his failure to register paid directorships.

The Standards and Privileges committee decided that there were insufficient grounds to suspend Mr Robinson for the breach of Parliament's rules. The result of the six-month investigation has hardened speculation that Mr Robinson, a multi-millionaire businessman, will remain at the Treasury in the reshuffle later this month.

The all-party committee cleared him of the central allegation that he had received £200,000, as chairman of the Robert Maxwell company Hollis Industries, which he had failed to declare. The committee accepted Mr Robinson's argument that there had been an accounting error.

But the Minister was mildly rebuked over the failure to declare two paid directorships in the MPs' register in the 1980s. But the committee decided unanimously that no further action should be taken because the rules were more vague then.

Charles Kennedy, a Liberal Democrat member of the committee, said the criticism meant that Mr Robinson should be moved out of the Treasury. The Tories, seizing on the words of the Prime Minister last week that anyone who broke the rules would be "out on their ear", called on Mr Blair to live up to his promise and dismiss Mr Robinson.

But supporters of Mr Robinson were delighted yesterday. "He is in the clear and the Tories should now stop their scurrilous allegations," said one Labour source.

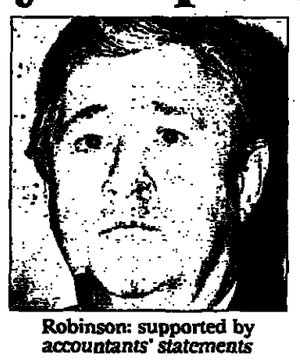
The committee's report concluded: "His conduct as a Member of Parliament does not reach the threshold which would justify the imposition of any penalty by the House." Mr Robinson, in one of his first public comments on his business affairs, said: "I have always denied the Conservative Party allegation that I received £200,000 from Hollis Industries. Despite the Tories' repeating the allegation week after week, it is now clear that I did not receive £200,000, and this has been accepted by the committee."

The committee's report accepted his assurances that he did not receive the money: "The statements of two firms of accountants support him."

The report said the "state of affairs" revealed by the investigation into the £200,000 "reflects poorly on the chairman, directors and others responsible for producing and approving Hollis's accounts and their accuracy". The company went out of business in 1991.

Mr Robinson was given a mild rebuke for his failure to register a paid directorship in Swiss EDM/Agie UK between 1984 and 1987. Mr Robinson was also admonished over the failure to register his directorship of Transfer Technology Ltd/TransTec.

The Prime Minister's official spokesman said: "Mr Blair is pleased that a Commons report, contrary to the acres of predictions, concluded that there is no further action to be taken."



Robinson: supported by accountants' statements

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Sandhurst cadet dies after 7-mile fitness march

Second man collapses with suspected heat exhaustion in training, report **Helen Johnstone** and **Michael Evans**

AN OFFICER CADET has died and another was taken to hospital suffering from dehydration and heat exhaustion following routine fitness endurance exercises at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst.

Graham Holmes, 23, died early yesterday with his parents at his bedside. He had spent two weeks in intensive care following his collapse at the end of a seven-mile march. He is the first cadet to have died of suspected heat exhaustion in the Academy's 250-year history.

Hours earlier, another Sandhurst cadet, believed to be a foreign student who has not been named, was taken to the same hospital after collapsing at the end of an eight-mile march with similar symptoms. The 22-year-old was reported to be stable in the intensive care unit at Frimley Park Hospital, Surrey.

An army spokesman said an inquiry was under way into the two incidents, which were not connected although they followed similar routine endurance marches in which the officer cadets were expected to carry 35lbs of equipment and their rifle.

The other Services have similar physical training tests, although the emphasis now is to build up gradually to the toughest challenges because it is acknowledged that young people entering the forces are not as fit as they used to be.

A post-mortem examination is to be carried out today on Officer Cadet Holmes, who joined the Academy in September last year. A coroner's inquest will also be opened. Yesterday it emerged that



Holmes: parents were at his bedside

Cadet Holmes had been taken to hospital last September suffering from heat exhaustion after collapsing during a training session. The collapse, which happened shortly after he had arrived at the Academy, put him out of action for three months. The Army spokesman said he was treated and returned to training in January.

A spokesman for 4 Division said that both officer cadets had just finished taking part in similar basic endurance marches when they collapsed from heat exhaustion. Cadets are prohibited from completing the march in less than one hour 55 minutes, to prevent them pushing themselves too hard. There are mandatory water stops.

They were accompanied by personal training instructors qualified in first aid and equipped with mobile phones in case of emergencies. The cadets would have had a support vehicle with them in the event of a sudden illness or accident, he said. Cadet Holmes was given first aid by a medical officer at the scene, and was then taken to the Frimley Park Hospital by ambulance where his condition deteriorated. The second cadet was from a different company.

The Army spokesman said that soldiers sometimes failed to recognise they were suffering from heat exhaustion because they were pushing themselves so hard and were determined to finish the march. "I have seen soldiers having to be rehydrated by injection in the field," he said.

Major Iain Park-Weir, spokesman for the Academy, paid tribute to the dead soldier. "He was a good cadet," he said. "It's an absolute tragedy and a great loss to the Academy." Mr Holmes's father, Frank, runs a property consultancy from the family's home in Morningside, Edinburgh, where he lives with his wife Judith. Frank Gertenberg, the principal at George Watson's College, a private school where Mr Holmes was a pupil, said: "He was a member of the first 15 rugby team and was well respected and liked by staff and pupils alike." Mr Holmes studied engineering at Dundee University where he joined the officer training corps.

Although the death of an officer cadet at Sandhurst is unprecedented, there have been other incidents involving young trainees in the Services collapsing during route marches or other forms of rigorous physical exercise. In 20 years, two men have died on the Royal Marines training course, which is one of the toughest.

ADRIAN SHERRETT



Stepping into the big time: the child model Jade Endfield, 5, on the catwalk at Tulio Di Lorenzo's show in London Men's Fashion Week

Lawyer held after World Cup crowd crash

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

A LAWYER based in London appeared before a judge in Paris last night for allegedly driving his car into a crowd of revellers on the Champs Elysées during the celebrations that followed France's victory in the World Cup final on Sunday.

The man, identified only as Derek J, in his thirties, was reportedly over the alcohol limit when his car ploughed into a group of people, injuring ten of them, at about 1am.

The incident happened not far from the spot where another driver, believed to be suffering from psychiatric problems, crashed her car into the crowd, killing one person and injuring 80.

The judge at the prosecutor's office will decide whether to open a formal judicial inquiry into the incident involving the British citizen who, according to police sources, was born in Mombasa, Kenya.

The ten people hurt in the crash suffered fractures and bruising. Among them were four trainee police officers who had been due to take place in Tuesday's Bastille Day parade along the Champs Elysées.

Parking ban drives buyers to distraction

BY ROBIN YOUNG

A COUPLE have been barred from buying the home they want because they wanted to park their van in the driveway.

Andrew and Debra Adams were happy to pay £195,000 for a four-bedroom detached house on a leafy estate on the outskirts of Bristol. But when they said Mr Adams would want to leave his £20,000 P-registered Volkswagen van he used in his work as director of a carpet company outside his home, Barratt, the estate developers, tore up the contracts and said that the deal was off.

The couple had chosen one of the Premiere range of detached houses on the Barratt Park Farm estate being built in Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol. The building deeds include covenants forbidding trade vehicles to be parked at the premises.

Mrs Adams said yesterday: "It is a ludicrous rule. It is not as if we have got a tatty yellow three-wheeler."

Geoffrey Hester, managing director of Barratt Bristol, said the covenant was designed to protect everyone's interests. "It is not easy to give up a £200,000 sale, but we cannot be flexible in this situation."

Film rehearsal led to rape by drama student

BY STEPHEN FARRELL

A DRAMA student who handcuffed a classmate and forced himself on her while they read scenes from the screenplay of *Last Tango in Paris* was found guilty of rape yesterday.

James Reith, 27, plied her with whisky, then forced her to have sex after she refused to act out erotic scenes from the 1972 film starring Marlon Brando.

Reith, from Bethnal Green, East London, was warned by Judge Leonard Gerber at the Old Bailey that he faced a substantial prison sentence after the jury convicted him on two charges of rape and one of indecent assault.

He was led from the dock protesting his innocence and waving to his girlfriend, who attended every day of the trial.

The 24-year-old victim — who attended the same drama school in London as Reith after arriving from Belgium in 1996 — told the court that Reith had invited her to his home in July last year for a candlelit dinner and to rehearse scenes from the film, which she had never read.

When she arrived at his flat she saw a pair of handcuffs lying on a living-room table. She told the court: "I asked him what they were for and he said, 'Maybe I'll show you later'. I took that as a joke."



Reith: is facing a long sentence in prison

He then asked her to enact a scene involving intercourse, kissing and cuddling but she declined, telling the jury: "I said I didn't want to do it, and he said to me that if I wanted to be an actress, I should be able to do those kinds of scenes. I wasn't convinced."

They decided to read through a more neutral scene, but, she said, Reith suddenly dragged her to the floor, put the handcuffs around her wrists, stripped her naked and banged her head repeatedly on the floor. He then raped her, ignoring her struggles and tearful protests that she was engaged to someone else.

He forced her to commit another sex act before letting her go. She was sick in his lavatory, then went home in a cab at 2am, reporting him to police two days later. When arrested, Reith admitted having sex but insisted throughout that she had consented.

The woman, who admitted she had been drunk but denied having done anything to provoke Reith, told the court her ordeal had left her feeling dirty and guilty. She said: "I blamed myself because I went to his home. But I trusted him."

After the verdict Benjamin Aina, for the prosecution, read out a statement from the woman saying she had been left traumatised and found it difficult to be physically close to men, even those she knew well. He said: "Love-making has become difficult for her and giving evidence in the trial brought everything back."

The court heard Reith had a previous conviction for indecent assault after squeezing a woman's bottom in the street, for which he was given a 12-month conditional discharge in 1988. He was remanded in custody for sentence tomorrow.



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Police want new laws against crime bosses

Senior officers believe American anti-mafia legislation is needed in Britain, reports **Stewart Tendler**

AMERICAN-STYLE anti-mafia laws may be needed to catch untouchable underworld godfathers, chief constables said yesterday.

Senior officers believe they know the identities of more than 100 gang leaders and paymasters who work in the shadows beyond the clutches of current legislation. The criminals make sure they are never directly linked to drug cargoes, robberies or bootlegging but live luxuriously.

In one case, a leading London criminal continued presiding over serious crime for a decade after he appeared to have retired and was never convicted. Another operated for nearly 30 years without being convicted.

Yesterday the Association of Chief Police Officers called for reform of the conspiracy laws and the possible introduction of aggressive legislation based on the American Rico statues. The initials stand for Racketeered Influenced and Corrupt Organisations and the acts have been used by the FBI to break the hold of the mafia in many US cities.

Sir John Hoddinott, Chief Constable of Hampshire and the head of Acpo's criminal justice team, said conspiracy cases, often used to catch major criminals, were powerless against the "Mr Bigs". Speaking at the association's summer conference in Birmingham he said: "We say the law needs changing because there are people who are escaping the crime net."

He said the laws require police to prove a link between a specific crime such as a drug cargo and the suspect but these criminals always kept their distance. Yet they might have two or three houses and four or five cars and have no visible means of support.

"We are talking about people who are on the fringe. These people under present law still have the ability to survive."

He said police wanted legislation which would be more broadbased. Police could go in to court with evidence of a general involvement in "criminal enterprises."

This might mean for example evidence of conversations and meetings between the suspect and drug dealers, evidence of large and suspicious movements of money and the use of the suspect's vehicles and equipment by other criminals.

Sir John said tha, apart from curbing the top league criminals, the new laws could be used against local "Fagans" organising burglars and receiving stolen property.

The association also wants other changes in the criminal law and is suggesting greater use of previous convictions as evidence in trials. They are also arguing that hearsay evidence should be acceptable.

Juries were sometimes "absolutely astounded" when they heard a litany of previous convictions against a defendant they had acquitted on similar charges, particularly in emotional cases such as rape trials, *Sir John said.* At the moment past convictions are concealed from the jury to avoid them convicting on the basis simply of past evidence.

The call for new legislation came yesterday as the National Crime Squad which investigates serious crime announced that applicants for jobs will face a rigorous vetting process to prevent corruption. Every officer will face a check on bank balance, mortgage, lifestyle, holidays and his spouse's earning.

Roy Penrose, the director general of the squad, said officers would have to accept the checks as part of their application to join. The vetting may be done by a group of former investigators such as ex-police officers who already do vetting work for government departments.

He said the investigators will also dig back into the records of the officers in their forces before they are seconded to NCS.



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Match of the day: David Seaman, the Arsenal and England goalkeeper, married Debbie Rodgers yesterday at Castle Ashby in Northamptonshire

Ex-judge impounds crashed glider

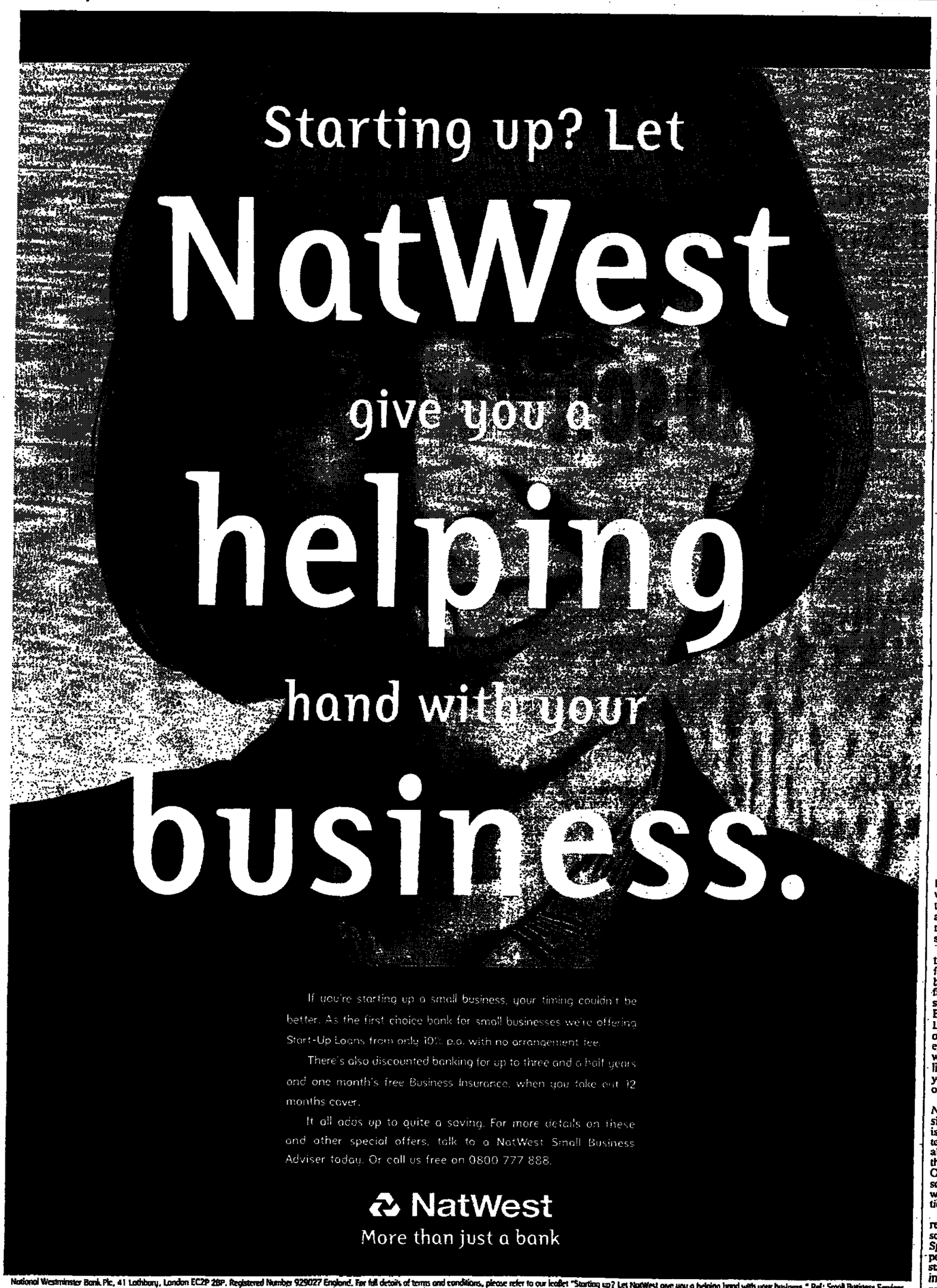
By Helen Johnstone

A FORMER judge has impounded a glider that a pilot landed in an emergency. David Woolley, QC, is demanding £1,000 for the return of the aircraft that Barry Kirby, an instructor, ditched on his land near Hungerford, Berkshire.

Mr Kirby, 50, is taking civil action after police failed to secure an amicable solution. He said: "Having landed safely and managing to avoid all the buildings and horses, was confronted by an extremely aggressive landowner who frog-marched me off the fields without even letting me pick up my possessions."

Mr Kirby, from Birmingham, who was participating in a British Gliding Association trip, made the emergency landing on Tuesday afternoon. Thames Valley Police confirmed they had attended an incident. Mr Kirby added: "I was forced to land. I did not have a choice."

Mr Woolley said yesterday: "It's on my land. If he pays he can have the plane back. I did not frogmarch him off. I did tell him to leave."



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Child prostitutes to be treated as victims of abuse

By Mark Henderson

CHILD prostitutes are to be treated as victims rather than criminals in response to a report by Barnardo's, the children's charity.

New guielines are expected to be issued to all police forces in the autumn, in the wake of a report to be published at a London conference today. It found evidence that pimps — typically aged between 18 and 25 — were offering warmth and kindness to young girls often in care or living with violent or neglectful parents. The pimps would then turn nasty and insist the girls, as young as 12, "work" for them, often by having sex with their friends.

Young prostitutes are often emotionally dependent on their pimps, and become "willing victims" who will agree to any demands to try to preserve what they thought was a stable relationship, the *Whose Daughter Next?* report found.

Pimps and clients of under-age prostitutes ought to be treated as child abusers, the charity argues. At present, clients of under-age prostitutes are usually charged with little more than kerb-crawling, and pimps with living off immoral earnings, though the latter are entered on the sex offenders' register.

The charity also calls on the Home Office and Department of Health to set up a ministerial task force to tackle the problem.

Michael Jarman, director of children's services for Barnardo's, said: "Men across the country are controlling, coercing, assaulting, raping and in extreme cases, torturing children. Instead of being arrested, charged and brought before the criminal court, the legal system is failing to effectively prosecute these men."

In the report, Barnardo's identified a four-stage process by which vulnerable children were lured into prostituion by serial pimps.

The first, ensnaring, involves the young man impressing the girl with his maturity, money and lifestyle. He makes her feel special and important, lavishing attention on her, buying her clothes and jewellery. They begin a sexual relationship and he quickly becomes the most important person in her life.

The further stages, creating dependency, taking control and total dominance, results in the girl finally becoming a "willing victim". She agrees to have sex with someone else, often one of his "friends", to prove her love for him.

After a few months, the girl may be "sold" on to another "boyfriend" and her "boyfriend" will move on to ensnare another vulnerable girl into prostitution.

The report said: "The girl will never think of her abuser in any other way than as her boyfriend. Her perception of the relationship helps sustain the control and abuse."

New British camera can see through star dust

By Nick Nuttall, Technology Correspondent

LARGE bursts of starlight were flickering across the universe two billion years after Big Bang and far sooner than scientists had previously supposed.

Most astronomers believe that the peak time for star formation was about seven billion years ago. But the new findings, made by British scientists at the University of Edinburgh, Imperal College London, the Cavendish Laboratory and University College London, indicate that stars were rapidly forming 12 billion years ago or five billion years earlier than had previously been thought.

The findings, published in *Nature*, have been made possible by a revolutionary British-built camera attached to a telescope in Hawaii that is allowing astronomers to "see" through cosmic dust clouds. One of the Holy Grails of science is to try to unravel when the peak of star formation happened.

Until now they have had to rely mainly on optical telescopes, such as the Hubble Space Telescope, which can peer back in time looking for starlight. But many galaxies, in which stars have formed, are shrouded in dust making it difficult to see inside.

Novel about death wins children's book prize

By Dalya Alberge

THE Carnegie Medal, a major award for children's fiction, has been won by Tim Bowler's *River Boy*, a moving novel that tackles bereavement. The author was presented with the golden medal yesterday at a ceremony held at the British Library.

The prize, first presented in 1936, includes £1,000 worth of books, which Bowler plans to give to his local public library in Totnes, Devon.

At the same ceremony, the Irish illustrator P. J. Lynch won The Library Association's Kate Greenaway Medal for *When Jessie Came Across the Sea*, the story of a 13-year-old Jewish girl who leaves the security of life with her beloved grandmother to travel to America.

The Belfast-born illustrator said: "This book is important to me. I'm a firm supporter of integrated education in Northern Ireland, and believe that this book goes some way to support my ideals ... If young people today can learn about other faiths then perhaps we can create a society where religious tolerance is the norm."

He will donate his £1,000 worth of books to an interdenominational college in Northern Ireland.

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Childminder says: I don't lose my temper

Woman accused of shaking to death a baby in her care tells court that she did nothing whatsoever to harm him, reports **Michael Horsnell**

A CHILDMINDER accused of murdering a five-month-old baby in her care told a jury yesterday that she never lost her temper with children.

Helen Stacey, 41, denied shaking Joseph Mackin to death at her home on May 13 last year after he had "grizzled" the whole day. She said: "I don't lose my temper. If you lose your temper with a child, especially an unsettled child, it can upset them even more. You have to stay calm with a child. I stayed very calm with Joseph. I tried to pacify him."

Mrs Stacey told Norwich Crown Court of her feelings after learning that Joseph — the son of Anthony and Corinne Mackin, from North Walsham, Norfolk — had died from brain injuries in hospital.

She said: "That night I didn't sleep at all. I was so upset at what had happened to Joseph. He was such a lovely little boy. I just couldn't believe a little, tiny child of that age had lost his life. I couldn't come to terms with it."

Mr Mackin, an air traffic controller at RAF Coltishall, had earlier told the court that Joseph was happy and healthy when he left him at Mrs Stacey's house, also in North Walsham, at about 7am.

Mrs Stacey told the court that Joseph had been crying but she did not become concerned about him until after 3pm, when he had had his lunch. His breathing was "snuffily" and his eyes were not as focused as they had been, but she said that she had not been "overly concerned". "I didn't think he was ill to the extent to need a doctor," she said.

But with hindsight, Mrs Stacey added, she had been wrong. "I should have called the doctor at 7am. Knowing what I know now, when Mr Mackin came and Joseph was grizzling, I should have said 'Sorry, I am not having him'."

She said that she had forgotten that Joseph's mother had given her a note of their GP's telephone number for emergencies. Mrs Stacey, a mother of four, agreed that she had told police the baby's eyes were rolling and his head became floppy in mid-afternoon, but denied his colour turned "slate grey" by the time his father arrived to pick him up.

Her counsel, Graham Parkins, QC, asked her: "Did you shake him?" Mrs Stacey replied: "No."

"Did you throw him down on a cot or mattress or sofa?"

"No."

"Did you do anything to cause injuries to this little boy?" "Nothing whatsoever."

Speaking quietly, Mrs Stacey said there had been no accident involving Joseph when he was in her care, and no other adult had been with him in her absence. She told the court why she had decided to become a childminder following the birth of her daughter in August 1996. "My husband had taken another job that did not pay so much. We needed the money but I did not want to leave my daughter with anyone else. I wanted to be with her all the time so I decided to find something to do at home so I could be with her."

She was put on a list of registered childminders by Norfolk County Council in December 1996, five months before Joseph's death. The jury has been told that the baby suffered a severe head injury inflicted by the use of considerable force.

David Stokes, QC, for the prosecution, pointed out that when questioned by police, Mrs Stacey had seemed more concerned about Joseph's condition in the middle of the afternoon.

She had told police: "I thought to myself that it doesn't look right. Something here looks a bit funny. That is when something started ringing. I would not say alarm bells, but getting concerned. And then I was worried. Considerably worried. I thought something here is very, very wrong."

Mr Stokes asked why, if she was so concerned, she had not made any attempts to call for help.

"Why didn't you ring the father?"

"I don't know."

"Why didn't you ring the doctor?"

"I don't know. I just didn't ring him because maybe I didn't think of it or because I was expecting [Mr Mackin] to come very, very shortly."

Mr Stokes put it to Mrs Stacey: "You knew there was something very wrong because you had shaken that child as hard as you possibly could."

She replied: "I certainly did not."

Mr Stokes added: "The reason you didn't send for the doctor was because you were hoping against hope that all was all right."

Mrs Stacey did not reply.

Mr Stokes said that when Mr Mackin arrived, his son was "deathly pale" and had a blue tinge around his mouth. He said Joseph was on the point of death.

"Did he look to you on the point of death?"

"No, he didn't. I didn't know there was anything wrong with him, not to the extent of what was wrong with him."

The trial continues.

RUSSELL BOYCE / REUTERS



Helen Stacey arriving at Norwich Crown Court yesterday. She denies murder

Dead man provides sperm for wife's baby

By Nick Nuttall

SPERM taken from a man after his death has been used to make his widow pregnant in what doctors claim is a world first.

The man, believed to be from California, died suddenly and his family asked for his sperm to be collected and frozen. The sperm were subsequently defrosted and used to fertilise an egg from his wife which was planted in her womb. She is now one month pregnant.

The pregnancy, illegal under British law, is reported in *New Scientist*. The dead man's epididymises — tubes from the testes where sperm mature — were removed at Century City Hospital, Los Angeles. Cappy Rotham, the urologist who conducted the operation, said: "It gives people hope and lessens the pain of suddenly losing a loved one."

In Britain, the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act requires a man to give written consent for his sperm to be used after his death. Diane Blood, the Nottinghamshire widow, was denied permission to use her husband's sperm because he had given only verbal consent. Last month she announced that she had become pregnant after taking his sperm to Belgium.

The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority is attempting to draw up guidelines on so-called posthumous pregnancies.

Hypnotist's subject 'hears voices of Jesus and Moses'

By Deborah Colcutt

A MAN who claims that Paul McKenna, the hypnotist, turned him into a schizophrenic told a High Court judge yesterday that he was still hearing voices more than four years after taking part in one of his stage shows. Christopher Gates said he heard the voices of Jesus and Moses after being hypnotised by Mr McKenna.

Mr Gates, 30, is suing Mr McKenna for £250,000 in lost earnings and damages. In a written statement he explained how his mental health deteriorated and even led him to attempt to strangle his girlfriend, Beverely Gibbs. He said: "I feel that hypnosis has totally changed my life for the worst."

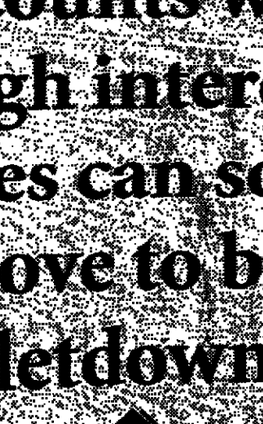
In response to questions about the night of the show in March 1994, Mr Gates, from High Wycombe in Buckinghamshire, admitted that he was "the star of the show" and carried out a number of commands and tasks on Mr McKenna's instruction in the "humorous nature" of the event. However, during and after the show at the Swan Theatre in High Wycombe he had felt uneasy about performing certain acts, such as pretending to see through the audience's clothes using special glasses. In the 22-page document charting his mental decline after being hypnotised, which was not read out in court to prevent Mr Gates being traumatised, he said that he had noticed a grave change in himself almost immediately after the show ended.

Nine days later he had suffered an acute schizophrenic episode and was admitted to hospital. Since then he had worked only briefly.

Giving evidence yesterday afternoon, Cosmo Hallstrom, a consultant psychiatrist, said Mr Gates displayed symptoms of "depression, apathy and slowing down of movement and speech" typical in schizophrenics, which he identified as being triggered off by the hypnotic show. "Before, he was a normal young man with no suggestion of mental illness," he told the court.

Mr McKenna denies negligence and causing Mr Gates's illness.

The trial continues.



Gates: admitted he was the star of the show

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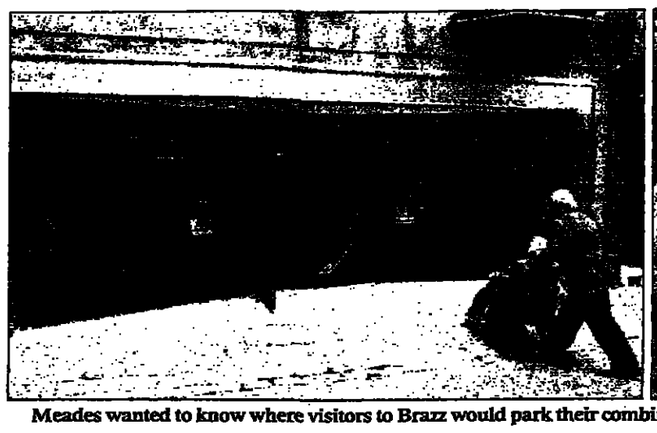
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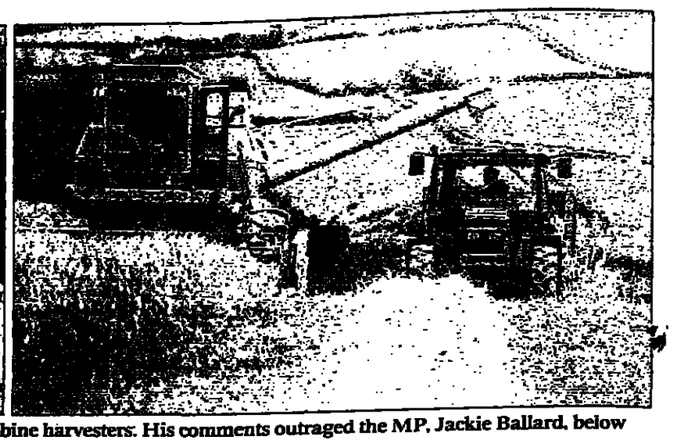
Critic leaves a sour taste in cider town

Copies of The Times are set alight as restaurant review upsets Taunton residents, writes **Simon de Bruxelles**



Meades: four years at school in Taunton





Meades wanted to know where visitors to Brazz would park their combine harvesters. His comments outraged the MP, Jackie Ballard, below

COPIES of *The Times* were burnt in the centre of Taunton yesterday, the culmination of 11 days of outrage at comments about the town and its people contained in a restaurant review.

The county town of Somerset, once best known for its cider, is in revolt. Up in the surrounding hills they are revving up the combine harvesters and sharpening the scythes ready to run Jonathan Meades, this newspaper's critic, out of town. Only Judge Jeffreys, who ordered the execution of the Duke of Monmouth's rebellious supporters at the Bloody Assizes in Taunton Castle in 1685, has generated quite so much loathing locally.

Meades, who spent four miserable years at boarding school in Taunton in the 1960s, got his revenge in *The Times Magazine* of July 4. Questioning the demand in Taunton for the £25-a-head lunches on offer at Brazz, the establisment he was reviewing, he described the town as "uncouth in a boorish, West Country way" and said it was "unleavened by much physical beauty".

But it was the comments in which he suggested that the locals preferred their girlfriends to have wool rather than hair that caused most offence. Mr Meades asked whether such people would come in from the Levels and the Blackdown Hills, where they would park their combine harvesters and tie up their cows.

The reaction was swift and apoplectic. Jackie Ballard, Taunton's Liberal Democrat MP, tabled an early day motion in the House of Commons demanding an apology. She said yesterday: "I have been inundated with comments from people thanking me for sticking up for Taunton. It's not his restaurant review I'm worried about, it was the crude and offensive comments about people."

Meades responded: "She's a Liberal Democrat, which is why she's got no sense of humour." Contrition is not a word in his extensive vocabulary. He said he was surprised that people in Taunton had even seen his review. "I suppose the one person in Taunton who can read must have read it out to the rest of them. If they took my comments literally then I have even more concern for their mental state."

To Meades's defence leapt Auberon Waugh, editor of the *Literary Review* and resident of Combe Florey on the other side of the Quantock Hills that flank the Vale of Taunton. Everyone in Somerset knows that Taunton is hell and avoids it, Mr Waugh said.

Another Tauntonian, the celebrity chef Gary Rhodes who earned his reputation at the Castle Hotel, to which Brazz is attached, was more discreet. He laughed at Meades's comments, then there was a sharp intake of breath. "I'd honestly rather not comment," he said.

Yesterday lunchtime, the diners were packed into Brazz. Gary Maggs, a financial services manager, said: "Meades might have been right if he'd been talking about Taunton five years ago, when we first moved here, but it has improved almost beyond recognition since then."

Meades, 51, was full of praise for the restaurant and its food, supervised by Phil Vickery, the Castle Hotel's award-winning chef. The row over his comments has been good for business, according to Andrew Grahame, the manager. He said: "It was on the local television news and afterwards the phones didn't stop ringing. While we were pleased that he was nice about the restaurant we can't agree with his comments about Taunton. The place has been very good to us."

He concedes that the town centre, which was attacked by Meades as the "playground of squaddies and agri-yobs", resembles the Wild West on a Saturday night. He said: "Soho, Sheffield city centre, Toxteth — they've got nothing on what goes on out here."

Ted Softley, the Mayor of Taunton, was one of those unimpressed by Meades's views on the town. "I think he is a very sad man," he said. "People are furious about what has been written. I personally feel sadness and disappointment."

Jefferson Horsley, a Liberal Democrat councillor, said: "It is a fine county town and a very pleasant place to live. Jonathan Meades left here 30 years ago. We wish that he had stayed away for another 30 years."



Troubled widow of Tory MP fined for drink-driving

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

THE widow of Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, the flamboyant Tory MP, was banned from driving for 18 months and fined £450 yesterday after she admitted being more than three times over the alcohol limit.

Lady Fairbairn, 56, was shaking in the dock as she was sentenced at Perth Sheriff Court. The Crown accepted her not guilty plea to two further charges of failing to provide a breath test and breath specimens after an accident 13 days later.

She was arrested on June 9 after police received a tip-off from the public that she had been seen drunk in her MG car in the early evening.

Officers traced Lady Fairbairn to her home in Perth about 30 minutes later and reported that her breath smelled of alcohol. Blood samples were taken and she was found to have 240 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood. The limit is 80 milligrams.

It emerged that she had been drinking that day and had then gone shopping, which her solicitor said she now realised was "a very selfish action".

Lady Fairbairn declined to comment as she left the court with friends. Her solicitor, Dominic Harrison, said that the offence had occurred while she was still struggling to cope with becoming a widow. Sir Nicholas, who was MP for Perth and Kinross from 1974 and was a former Solicitor-General of Scotland, died in 1995 at the age of 61 from liver problems.

Suzanne Fairbairn, known as Lady Sam to friends, had become the MP's second wife in 1983. They lived at Fordell Castle, Fife, which they had bought cheaply and renovated. He is buried there but the property has been sold.

She moved to England after becoming a widow and spent two years — in her own words — "laying her demons to rest". She had discovered just five days after her husband's memorial service that he had a child, called Edward, whom he had fathered in Australia in the early years of their marriage.

She returned to Scotland last year, buying a £90,000 riverside apartment in Perth. In an interview last October with a Scottish tabloid newspaper, she appeared optimistic about the future and was considering standing as a Tory candidate in Sir Nicholas's former seat.



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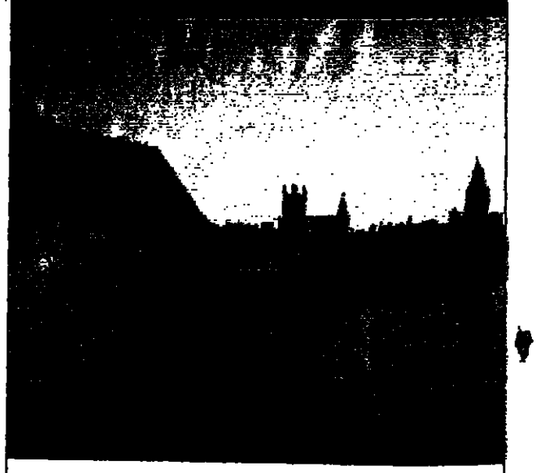
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BBC comedy failures are no laughing matter

Governors are very serious about the way old shows keep defeating the new, **Carol Midgley** reports

BBC1 has been ordered to sharpen up its new sitcoms as it prepares to take the licence fee above £100 next year. The corporation's governors said yesterday that comedy and popular drama should be a priority following recent disappointments.

Relatively new sitcoms such as *The Peter Principle*, *Bloomin' Marvellous* and *Keeping Mum* have failed to excite huge audiences. The most-watched comedies are still all BBC programmes but out of the top four, *Last of the Summer Wine* and *Only Fools and Horses* are both more than 15 years old, and *Men Behaving Badly* is seven years old. *The Brittas Empire* completed the quartet.

In the BBC's annual report yesterday, the BBC governors commended dramas such as *Holding On* and *Our Mutual Friend*, but added: "The BBC was less successful in the field of new popular drama and situation comedy and this must be a priority next year."

Sir Christopher Bland, chairman of the governors, emphasised that there had been many hits that BBC1 could be proud of, but added: "We would have liked to have seen more returning dramas and had more success with our sitcoms."



John Birt, left, Jill Dando and Sir Christopher Bland

Sir Christopher presented the annual report yesterday with Jill Dando and John Birt, Director-General of the BBC. Mr Birt said the BBC needed to produce another popular drama to rank with the massively popular Saturday night series *Casualty*. He also conceded there had not been as many new comedy hits as he would have liked but denied it was due to lack of investment in talent. Unlike in America, he said, British writers were unwilling to write 40 episodes a year for sitcoms and so they had less time to click with the audience.

Critics have recently pointed to a terminal decay in British sitcom production, citing the fact that repeats of *Last of the Summer Wine* were the second most-watched comedies last year, and that reruns of *Are You Being Served?*, which started in 1973, have developing a cult audience on Saturdays. This shows, they say, that little new material of comparable quality is coming through.

Last year, the BBC's ten new sitcoms averaged 5.7 million viewers, while repeats of old favourites pulled in up to nine million viewers. Alan Yentob, the BBC's director of programmes, said: "In comedy, we need to work harder. But we do perisist with things – it was the BBC that took on *Men Behaving Badly* when it was kicking around at ITV."

He said that there were good examples of BBC sitcoms such as *Kiss Me Kate*, starring Caroline Quentin, but that it had found it "difficult to make its mark in the competitive schedules".

In the autumn, the BBC was introducing new sitcoms including Victoria Wood's *Dinner Ladies*, *Heartburn Hotel* by John Sullivan, who wrote *Only Fools and Horses*, and a new sitcom from the writers of *Father Ted*.

Many of the BBC's newer comedy hits are BBC2 properties, such as Steve Coogan's *I'm Alan Partridge*, *Shooting Stars* with Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer, and *How Do You Want Me?* with Dylan Moran.

Executives are keen to get more hits on BBC1 to narrow the ratings gap with ITV. This year the BBC saw Frank Skinner and David Baddiel take their *Fantasy Football* comedy programme to ITV.

But comedy writers have recently accused the BBC of treating them badly in relation to pay and copyright issues. Lawrence Marks and Maurice Gran, the team behind *Birds of a Feather* and *Goodnight Sweetheart*, attacked the BBC last year for starving Britain of comedy talent.

□ The BBC has ordered a review of the future of BBC Online, its Internet service, which is attracting 22 million page views a month. Use is rising by 20 per cent a month, and it is being seen as the third service after radio and television.



Martin Ball and Stephanie Cole in *Keeping Mum*



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Dylan Moran in *How Do You Want Me?*: BBC2 has more success with comedies

Man who abducted two estate agents gets life

BY HELEN JOHNSTONE

A MAN who kidnapped two women estate agents at knifepoint and threatened to rape one of them was jailed for life yesterday.

James Hargeaves abducted Jennifer Hunter, 48, and Stephanie Baker, 47, six months after being released from a four-year sentence for indecent assault.

Winchester Crown Court was told that Hargreaves, 31, approached Mrs Baker at a housing development in Swindon saying that he was looking for a three-bedroom house.

Frank Abbott, for the prosecution, said that the women drove Hargreaves to view a house a quarter of mile away. Mrs Hunter became suspicious. "She didn't think he was a genuine buyer and she had the feeling that he was time-wasting as he didn't ask the relevant questions," Mr Abbott said.

Hargreaves revealed the knife as they drove back to the showhouse and made an indecent suggestion to Mrs Hunter, who was driving. As the car neared the M4, Hargreaves ordered Mrs Hunter to pull over. Mrs Baker told him: "Get out of the car and go and we will forget it." Hargreaves stabbed her, injuring her right arm. As he got out of the back seat, the women locked the doors and drove off.

Mr Abbott said that Hargreaves, who was arrested later in Swindon, had convictions for three violent or sexual offences against women.

Sentencing Hargreaves to life, Judge Keith Cutler said that the incident was more premeditated than the previous offences and it was clear that there was a likelihood of similar serious offences in the future. "You are a man who is a danger to women and in danger of committing further violent and sexually motivated attacks on them," the judge said.

Hargreaves, a bricklayer from Swindon, had pleaded not guilty to two charges of false imprisonment and one of wounding with intent in April last year.

Public clearly delighted by corporation's transparency

BY CAROL MIDGLEY
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

IT WAS open-house at the BBC yesterday. In a promised show of *glasnost*, Sir John Birt and Sir Christopher Bland bared their throats to the public as the BBC launched its annual report at an AGM-style meeting for the first time. But anyone relishing the prospect of seeing the Director-General bashed by little old ladies over his pay rise was doomed to disappointment. Observers noted that the questions, from an audience that had been handpicked weeks ago, were tame to the point of seeming house-trained.

The first speaker complimented Sir John on the BBC's education programmes. The second wanted to express her gratitude for the BBC's commitment to Welsh programming. Another asked about the BBC's future commitment to wildlife programmes, but took the opportunity to say "thank you" for the Teletubbies. No question came close to giving either Sir John or Sir Christopher an even slightly uncomfortable moment.

BBC staff said the idea of the meeting, held yesterday in the radio theatre at Broadcasting House, was to illustrate the BBC's new transparency and its drive to increase accountability to licence fee payers. It also coincides with the start of a major campaign for an increase in the fee.

This year, the accounts in the annual report are more detailed than before, and for the first time BBC Worldwide, the commercial arm of the BBC, presented separate accounts. This was to dispel allegations that the BBC has been cross-subsiding its commercial ventures with money from the licence fee funds.

One man bravely expressed concern at reports that this had been so. He was rapidly rebutted by Sir Christopher, chairman of the BBC governors. "It is against the law and it has not happened," he said.

However, licence fee payers who were not invited to the meeting have a second bite at the cherry today. Sir Christopher will be answering questions about the BBC on the Internet at 5pm (www.bbc.co.uk/liveanddirect) and questions can be sent in advance by e-mail to liveanddirect@bbc.co.uk

Churchill sale raises over £200,000

BY JOHN SHAW

A RICH collection of Churchill memorabilia was sold at Sotheby's in London yesterday. Items covering much of the wartime Prime Minister's life were represented.

Members of the Churchill family sold 19 lots for a total of £194,973. Other items had belonged to his chauffeur and other aides. Many souvenirs went to collectors well above estimate. A photograph of Winston as a baby came from the family and made £6,900, against an estimate of £4,000-£6,000. A top hat went for £25,300 (£5,000-£8,000), with a photograph of Churchill wearing it at a memorial service for Rab Butler's wife in 1954.

A pair of midnight-blue velvet slippers made £6,325. Churchill's brandy balloon, also engraved with his monogram, took £4,830. The top price was fetched by a 9-carat gold cigar case given to Churchill on his 86th birthday by Aristotle Onassis. It made £43,300.

Another item in a sale devoted to politics was an oak dining-table from Ramsay MacDonald's home, where the Labour Representation Committee met between 1900 and 1905. It fetched £14,650.

Al Fayed 'denied TV consultant his £127,000 fee'

MOHAMED AL FAYED refused to pay a leading broadcasting consultant £127,000 in fees after the Harrods owner lost interest in setting up a media empire, a High Court judge was told yesterday.

Michael Hollingsworth, the husband of the television presenter Anne Diamond, was brought in to run Mr Al Fayed's company, Liberty Broadcasting, after it bought Viva, the AM London radio station.

Philip Shepherd, for Mr Hollingsworth, told Mr Justice David Steel that Mr Al Fayed had plans to expand in broadcasting and publishing, but Viva had reception problems and his revamped *Punch* magazine failed to take off.

Mr Hollingsworth, who runs Venture Television, representing various presenters, accepted a job as consultant with Mr Al Fayed at an annual salary of £170,000 with six months' notice. But when the media projects were unsuccessful commercially, Mr Al Fayed's company "moved the goalposts" in its agreement with Mr Hollingsworth, Mr Shepherd said.

Mr Shepherd claimed that Mr Hollingsworth was not paid for several months and Liberty refused to pay him six months' money in lieu of notice. He said that Mr Hollingsworth knew when he negotiated his contract that it was "very easy to be flavour of the month one week and not the next".

"That was particularly so in this case, because Mr Hollingsworth appreciated that this was something of a new venture for Mr Al Fayed and that to put it frankly, Mr Al Fayed was known for being keen on things at one moment and then to completely lose interest the next."

That was why Mr Hollingsworth insisted in his contract that the notice period was to be a minimum of six months, so that he could rebuild his business if things did not work out, Mr Shepherd said.

Mr Hollingsworth took legal action after being told by Michael Rogers, legal director of Harrods, that his fee of £170,000 a year had never been agreed and it was not a reasonable figure. He is claiming £85,000 in lieu of notice and back pay, making the £127,000 total.

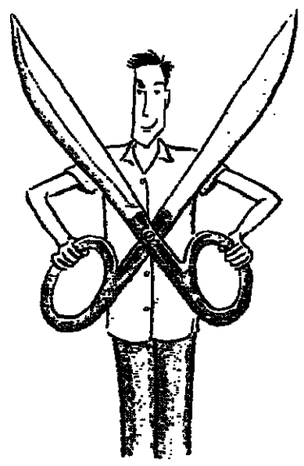
Liberty is claiming that Mr Hollingsworth breached the terms of his contract and made "secret profits" by employing people on the radio station from his own Venture Television company.

The hearing continues.



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Spending on welfare out of control, says Hague

BY JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

WILLIAM HAGUE accused the Prime Minister yesterday of losing control of social security spending and breaking his pre-election pledge that a Labour Government would cut the welfare bill.

In the Commons the Tory leader pointed out that cumulative spending on benefits would rise by £27.4 billion to £112.4 billion by 2001, more than the much-trumpeted increase on health. Mr Hague also said welfare costs would rise by £37.8 billion overall if the costs of Welfare to Work and the new working family tax credit were included.

"Will you now admit that you've failed and far and away the biggest increase in yesterday's announcement — bigger than education and health — was in welfare and social security spending?" Mr Hague asked.

But Tony Blair told the Commons that the extra money would be spent on pensions, child benefit and disability benefits and challenged Mr Hague to oppose any of these increases. In interviews yesterday he denied that social security costs had spiralled out of control.

In April 1997, three weeks before the general election Mr Blair said: "We have said as we get welfare bills down, these appallingly high bills for social and economic failure under the Conservatives, then we can release more money into education and health services."

Yesterday he said defensively: "I did not promise to cut pensions, disability or child benefit."

His comments signalled that radical reform of the welfare state will await another Parliament.

Last year Mr Blair appointed Frank Field as Minister for Welfare reform. His job was to draw up a blueprint for reform supposedly to curb the continuing increases in the social security bill. The project ran into difficulties within months, with reports of rows between Mr Field and his boss, Harriet Harman, and Gordon Brown.

In December Mr Blair, who was meeting Mr Field regularly, decided to take charge of welfare reform, appointing himself as chairman of a new welfare committee. The same month, the Government suffered one of its biggest ever rebellions in the Commons with more than 40 Labour MPs voting against planned cuts in single-parent benefits.

Over the next few weeks Mr Blair and Ms Harman were lobbied by both pensioner and disability groups. Mr Field started denying that there would be no "big bang" reform and that the changes would be gradual.

In March this year, Gordon Brown announced a surprise 20 per cent increase in child benefit, a rise of £2.50 a week for the first child. He also announced more money for carers.

Two weeks later Mr Field published the long-awaited green paper on welfare reform. It contained few surprises and included pledges to keep universal disability benefits — an area that accounts for a huge proportion of the benefits bill.

Social security sources pointed out yesterday that only 8 per cent of the £100 billion social security bill went on unemployment benefits, with 8 per cent on child benefit, 26 per cent on disability benefits and 46 per cent on pensioners. In both of the last two groups the number of claimants is soaring.

SIMON WALKER



Coffee for one: mobile canteen owner Nader Zidan ensuring that the Prime Minister is suitably refreshed yesterday

Blair goes on media marathon

Nicholas Watt reports on Downing Street's post-spending review strategy

TONY BLAIR mounted a blitz of the airwaves over breakfast yesterday to guarantee maximum coverage of the Government's spending plans and to demonstrate that he and the Chancellor remain the best of friends.

In three hours the Prime Minister gave interviews to three television and four radio stations as part of a long-planned strategy to keep the Comprehensive Spending Review in the headlines for a second day.

In one interview, with BBC Radio 5, Mr Blair sought to end suggestions of difficulties between him and Gordon Brown, whom he described as "the most brilliant politician of his generation". He added: "He is and remains my closest personal and political friend in politics and always will be and despite attempts to divide us off from each other from time to time they won't succeed."

Mr Blair's round of interviews began in Downing Street's White Room at 7.45am with a swipe at Kenneth Clarke on BBC1's *Breakfast News*. He said: "As opposed to when Ken Clarke was in power with the Conservatives, when they were running deficits on the current account year in year out, and averaged out a deficit of £12 billion a year, we will be running a surplus so we actually have a cushion there in respect to the economy."

At 8am Mr Blair switched channels to appear on GMTV, where he assured viewers that the wages of nurses and teachers would not suffer. He then dashed upstairs from the White Room to his study to be grilled by John Humphrys for BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme. Downing Street did its best to soften up Mr Humphrys, who has been attacked by Labour spin-doctors for hostile questioning of ministers, by sitting him on the sofa in the study. A beaming Mr Blair sat opposite the veteran interviewer in an armchair.

After his radio interview, Mr Blair headed back to the White Room for an appearance on Sky television. This was followed by interviews with Independent Radio News and a new radio station, Youth FM, which is broadcast on the Internet and financed by the Department for Education and Employment.

For his next appearance Mr Blair ventured out of Downing Street to pay his first visit to BBC Radio's new studios at White City, West London, making a detour to speak at a school in Camden about the Government's investment in education. Outside he was met by Nader Zidan, the owner of a mobile canteen. On being told that Mr Blair had no time to stop, the enterprising Mr Zidan thrust a polystyrene cup of coffee into his hand.

Labour has put across the wrong message

TONY BLAIR should be worried about the response to the Comprehensive Spending Review. The wrong people are applauding it, for the wrong reasons. Old Labour stalwarts have been cheering the headlines about big spending increases. Yesterday in the Commons, defenders of the teaching unions led the welcome. The Government's message has been muddled. Spend, spend, spend has been highlighted rather than reform and modernisation.

Gordon Brown's talk about an extra £40 billion more for health and education was not only statistical nonsense but also politically mistaken. It is absurd to add together cash increases for three years from an unchanged current baseline. Not only does this ignore inflation but it distorts the real trend rates of growth. It also creates the wrong expectations.

Mr Brown and Mr Blair had been trying for years to banish Labour's old big spending image. More spending, we were told repeatedly, was not the answer to problems. What mattered was wise spending, with the promise of a root-and-branch reappraisal to save money on some programmes in order to shift into priority areas. The essence of this approach was the link to performance and the achievement of defined objectives.

Yet the initial presentation of the spending review has mainly been in terms of increases, not these targets and conditions. That is related to a confusion about welfare reform. The failure to achieve any significant savings in the social security budget — indeed, its continuing rise — is the main reason why Mr Brown announced such sizeable increases in total spending in order to expand the schools and NHS budgets. The official line is that there is a distinction between welfare reform and social security spending, and Mr Blair yesterday spoke with pride of increased spending on pensions and benefits. But that was not the pre-election emphasis when Mr Blair talked about switching the balance from welfare to education.

The Government has got extra spending and reform the wrong way round. The emphasis should have been less on increased budgets and more on the conditions and the targets, on the public service agreements between the department and the Treasury. So instead of hearing about umpteen billions more for various public services, the Government should have stressed the output measures.

Stephen Byers, one of the Blairite vanguard as School Standards Minister, was an exception yesterday in stressing the link between additional money and investment in reform, underpinned by the targets for numeracy and literacy, reducing truancy and exclusion from schools. This is in addition to the earlier achievement of the pledge on class sizes for five to seven-

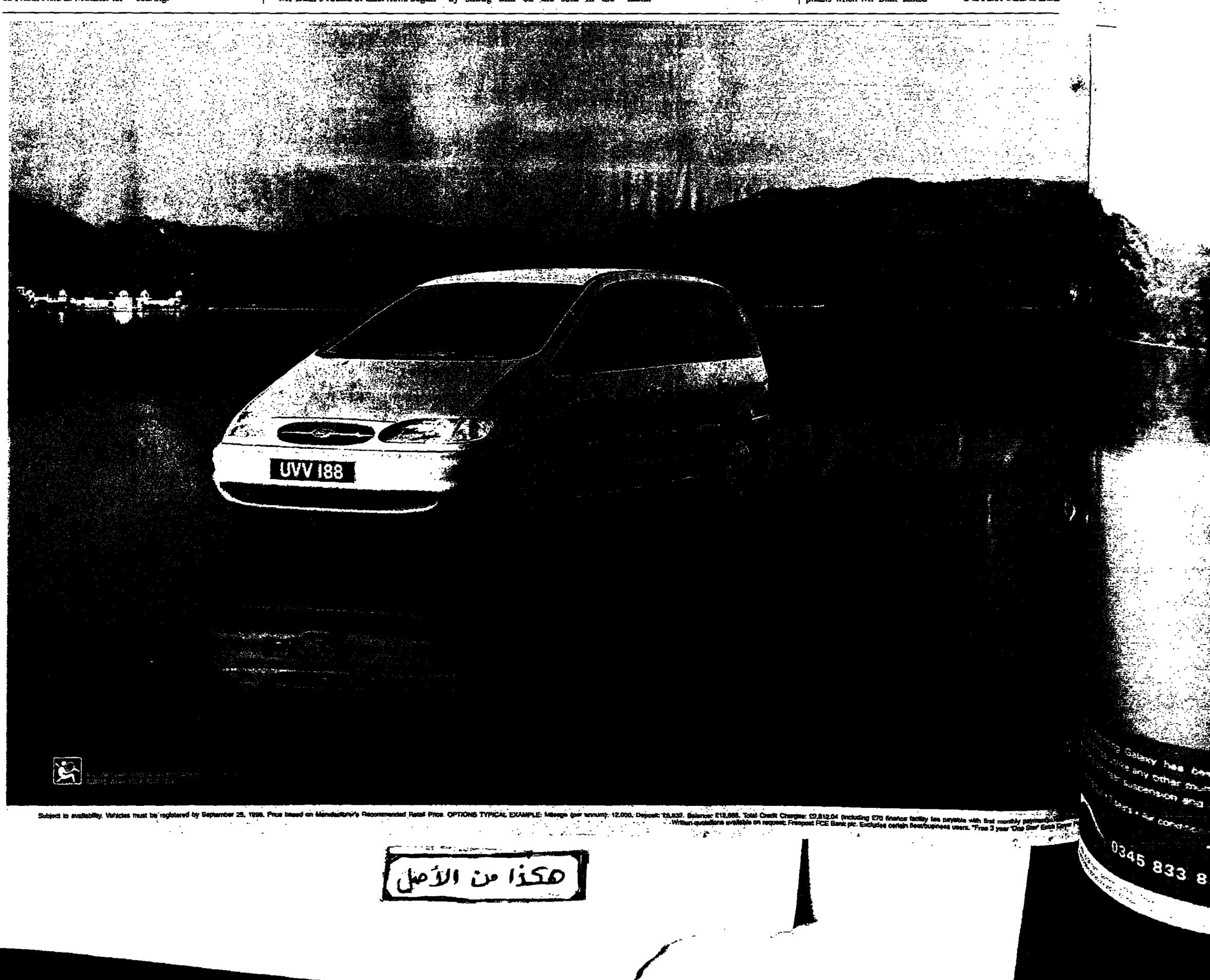
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year-olds and the big extension of nursery places for three-year-olds.

The review has produced some interesting initiatives, such as Sure Start, which will link the Health and Education departments in providing childcare, primary healthcare, early education and family assistance for pre-school children in areas of greatest disadvantage. In time this will cover up to 5 per cent of those aged up to three, and cost £220 million in 2001-02. This is a classic new Labour exercise in developing an integrated cross-departmental approach.

The Government should have put such new programmes and its targets at the front of its presentation rather than the additional billions. By taking the easy option of winning cheers for an Old Labour message, Mr Blair and Mr Brown have risked undermining their New Labour reforms to public services.

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Gamekeeper is cleared of killing 'vermin' badgers

A GAMEKEEPER described by his employer as the best he had come across, who had been accused of killing more than a hundred badgers, walked free from court yesterday after a magistrate decided that he had been the victim of a vendetta.

Leslie Morris, 29, was cleared of killing badgers, sparrowhawks and a buzzard on the Dashwood Estate in West Wycombe, Buckinghamshire. The court had been told that the gamekeeper of the Bradenham Hill shooting syndicate, which rents land on the estate, had recorded the killings in a sportsman's journal.

Mr Morris had told the court in High Wycombe that the badgers he had listed as vermin were simply ones he had snared by mistake and released or seen on the estate.

Kenneth Fincken, Mr Morris's employer, said he was indebted to Mr Morris, who was probably the best keeper he had come across. James Elliott, a gamekeeper for Edward Dashwood, son of Sir Francis Dashwood, who both live at West Wycombe Park, described Mr Morris as an excellent countryman.

Anthony Evans, the stipendiary magistrate, decided there was insufficient evidence to prove that he had carried out the killings. "It has been clear during the course of the evidence that there is a vendetta being carried on here between one side and the other," he said.

Vendetta led to allegations of cruelty to wild animals, writes Helen Johnstone

During the trial Jason Runciman, an underkeeper, had told the court that Mr Morris had admitted massacring the badgers and feeding live foxcubs to his dogs.

However, Mr Evans said: "Mr Runciman said in evidence he had been disgusted with what it was alleged the defendant had been doing. It seems his disgust was not great enough. He did not do anything about it and it was only after he left his post he saw fit to make complaints."

The magistrate said that the delay in bringing the complaints to the police and RSPCA had made it an "extremely difficult" case to investigate. "The crux of the prosecution case is the game book. It can be regarded as a diary, but without anything more it is not sufficient to meet the required standard of proof.

"No one has seen the badgers. No one has seen any of the incidents. All that has been put before me is the book together with some alleged conversations." He said that previous gamekeepers appeared to have some "bad feeling" towards Mr Morris.

The gamekeeper, of Downley Common, Buckinghamshire, was cleared of five counts of killing badgers, one of interfering with a badgers' sett, using a lamp to kill a badger, setting snares to injure wild animals, killing a buzzard and a sparrowhawk, and setting illegal traps for foxes.

He was given an absolute discharge on one count of failing to change the address on a firearms certificate and fined £150 with £50 costs for keeping ammunition unsecured.

Mr Morris strode out of court saying he knew all along that he was innocent.



Cynthia Fowler in her early days in the RAF

RAF seeks rising stars to join ranks

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE EDITOR

THE highest-ranking woman in the RAF yesterday launched the biggest recruiting drive for years to persuade both sexes to "rise above the rest".

Air Commodore Cynthia Fowler, who joined up in 1964, to her parents' disapproval, is now director of recruiting, selection and initial officer training. She is heading a campaign for 4,300 recruits. The new recruiting slogan, "Rise above the rest", contrasts with that of the 1960s: "Join the RAF and become an air marshal".

Yesterday's announcement of the £3 million campaign was intended to demonstrate to young people, especially those from the ethnic minorities, that the sky really is the only limit as far as equal opportunities in the RAF are concerned.

John Reid, the Armed Forces Minister, said: "Promotion in the RAF and the two other Services is based purely on merit and not on gender, ethnic or social background."

There are still some barriers: pilots and helicopter search and rescue crews cannot wear glasses, people with serious debts will not normally be considered, and homosexuals are still banned.

Air Commodore Fowler, 52 and unmarried, said she expected that more women would want to become pilots.



ANDRÉ CAMARA

Air Commodore Fowler, 34 years in the Service, launching the recruitment drive

At present there are 20 female pilots, of whom three are flying Tornados and Jaguars, ten are in multi-engined aircraft, including Hercules transport planes and Nimrods, and seven have qualified to fly helicopters; 23 are in training.

The RAF, which is about 2,000 people short for the jobs available, is working towards a trained strength of about 52,000 by 2000. There are 5,006 women in the Service, of which five are group captains and 44 wing commanders.

□ Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Johns, Chief of the Air Staff, told the Commons Defence Committee yesterday it was "imperative" for the RAF to recruit younger pilots. Many who joined in their early 20s were leaving for civilian airlines in their early 30s, so the RAF was not getting full value for their £3 million training.

Drunken corporals fined for bullying airmen

BY A CORRESPONDENT

TWO drunken RAF Regiment corporals made recruits run barefoot in their underwear through a forest late at night, a court martial has been told.

Corporals David Bone, 32, and John Ellis, 35, spent the evening drinking before forcing the six airmen out of their beds to run for 30 minutes. Several suffered cuts to their feet and had to give each other piggy backs.

After complaints were made, Bone and Ellis said they believed the run would toughen the men before they faced their first live ammunition training exercise the next morning.

The pair, based at RAF Honington near Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, were fined £1,000 after admitting conduct to the prejudice of good order and RAF discipline.

Judge Advocate Hunter told them: "We cannot accept you could possibly have thought that raising men from their beds after a night's drinking, parading them in their underwear in their bare feet, making them run across shales, causing cuts and giving each other piggy backs could possibly assist them in a live firing exercise.

"No one expects airmen to be treated softly or mollycoddled, but this abuse of power cannot be tolerated." If they did the same thing again, he said, they would face a reduction to their ranks or a loss of liberty.

The corporals have 35 years' experience between them in the RAF Regiment, which is responsible for ground defence of airfields and installations. The offence took place on February 5 last year when the two men were at the Warcop training centre in Cumbria.

Flight-Lieutenant John Shepherd, an RAF spokesman, said yesterday: "Bullying is not tolerated and this case projects the RAF in a positive light for tackling it."

Workers face powerful protest

BY PAUL WILKINSON

WORKERS on an overhead power line through the picturesque Vale of York face being ostracised by locals opposed to its construction.

Campaigners against the National Grid's plans for a 53-mile line of pylons from Teesside to York have vowed to fight the proposal to the last inch. They have already suggested blocking access routes with farm equipment and digging wildlife ponds where the 229 pylons will stand.

Now pub landlords and village shopkeepers intend to refuse to serve people involved in the project. Residents will either avoid talking to them or question them closely about their authorisation to do specific jobs.

"Visiting workers will become pariahs in the local community," Mike O'Carroll, chairman of the pressure group Revolt (Rural England Versus Overhead Line Transmission), said.

Sending the workers to Coventry is possibly the last throw in the campaign against the pylons, which has run for seven years. Two public inquiries have failed to halt the line and this week North Yorkshire County Council dropped its plans to seek a judicial review of a decision by Margaret Beckett, the President of the Board of Trade, to allow it to go ahead.

A spokesman for National Grid said yesterday that it had proceeded with the power line through the democratic process of two public inquiries. It did not intend to be confrontational and "wishes to reach amicable agreement with the local community".

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The actress Minnie Driver sparkles in a diamond necklace lent by De Beers to the Natural History Museum's new Earth Galleries display

Labour cleared of favouritism over activists at NHS trusts

BY VALERIE ELLIOTT, WHITEHALL EDITOR

MORE than seven times as many Labour activists than Tories have been appointed to NHS trusts since Tony Blair came to power, official figures disclosed yesterday. However, an analysis by Sir Leonard Peach, the independent Commissioner for Public Appointments, said there was no evidence of ministers trying to pack trust boards and concluded: "Patronage on behalf of individuals clearly is not an issue."

The Conservatives have highlighted the number of Labour activists, refuelling charges of cronyism in the Government. Sir Leonard said the change was the result of a decision by Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, to alter the recruitment criteria to encourage greater local and patient representation, whereas the Conservative Government had put emphasis on management. Managers were bound to be more Tory, Sir Leonard said. The high number of Labour councils meant that more local appointments would be Labour "but these appointments are made on merit".

Sir Leonard said many Labour party supporters had not sought any public appointment under the Tories: "They see a different approach at the beginning of the Labour Government and they wish to influence it."

The Conservatives were frequently accused of packing "placemen" — including wives of Conservative politicians — on various quangos and public bodies. Of the 1,753 appointments made shortly before the last election, 103 people declared they were Tory activists, and 58 Labour.

Under Labour, there have been 974 appointments to NHS trusts and 956 to public bodies. The proportion declaring political activity increased from 10.3 per cent to 18.7 per cent. There were 206 Labour activists appointed to NHS trusts compared with 28 Tories and 27 Liberal Democrats. On public bodies, there were 64 Labour compared with 20 Tories and five Liberal Democrats.

With the backing of ministers and Lord Neill of Bladen, QC, the public standards watchdog, Sir Leonard has decided to include more searching questions about political activity on future application forms. These will include anyone who has canvassed for a party or acted as a political agent.

He dismissed a complaint about NHS boards in the North East, where 11 out of 16 appointments had gone to Labour activists. An analysis of those considered for posts found 69 out of 255 were Labour. He said: "In an area where local government is Labour dominated, you get a natural flow of Labour candidates. It was the decision to ensure more consumer representation that pushed the numbers up."

Ann Widdecombe, Shadow Health Secretary, was incensed by the findings. She said: "There is no excuse for this kind of blatant gerrymandering."

Councils break law to pursue fraudsters

BY VALERIE ELLIOTT, WHITEHALL EDITOR

COUNCILS are using unlawful methods to catch those who fraudulently claim benefits, and officials could be prosecuted, Elizabeth France, the Data Protection Registrar, said yesterday.

Mrs France is concerned that local authorities are asking employers for staff pay details to match with records of benefit claimants. The Post Office, supermarkets, government departments and a brewery firm have all been asked for personal information about staff. Officials have written to companies asking for National Insurance numbers and postal addresses of staff, and for other information. Town hall chiefs have asked companies for details of staff living in certain post-code areas. Mrs France denounced such "fishing expeditions" and said she would prosecute if councils continued to break the law. She made clear that employers were under no obligation to comply with such requests unless an individual was named.

She also expressed concern over "look-up services", which bring together collections of personal data about citizens. She was particularly worried about the compilation of databases from information in newspapers, which could result in a partial register of criminal convictions.

In her annual report, Mrs France says that complaints about alleged breaches of data protection rose by 7 per cent last year, with credit reference agencies attracting the most concern.

Mrs France's strongest warnings were over the new anti-fraud techniques used by councils to trap those claiming benefit illegally. "Wholesale data-matching exercises are a major invasion of the private lives of people to whom no suspicion of any wrongdoing attaches ... Employees have a right to expect that their employers will keep their personal data securely and not disclose them unless required to do so by law," she said. "It would be ironic if, having set out to detect possible criminal activity, local authorities themselves broke the law."

A data protection official said that the practice was considered "dodgy in the extreme" and was unlawful.

Local authorities have wrongly interpreted their powers under tough new anti-fraud laws. The Social Security Administration (Fraud) Act 1997 allows the sharing of tax and benefit information on individuals held by local authorities and government departments. It also allows town hall officials to investigate people they suspect of committing fraud. But they do not have a right to ask for "wholesale disclosure of staff payroll information from local employers".

Mrs France has asked the Local Government Association to distribute new guidance to officials.

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Festival to show final film by McCartney

BY DALVA ALBERGE
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A SURREAL short film made by Linda McCartney just months before her death in April is to have its world premiere at the Edinburgh Film Festival.

Wide Prairie, an animated film illustrating a song that she wrote and recorded, will accompany the British premiere of Robert Redford's *The Horse Whisperer* on August 19.

The seven-minute short, about a woman's longing to escape tedious schedules and the confines of the modern world by riding through the prairie, was inspired by a conversation with the Argentinian-born artist Oscar Grillo, with whom she had worked on two other animation projects.

Mr Grillo said yesterday that he had first met Lady McCartney and Sir Paul 20 years ago. They showed interest in a commercial he had made and that led to a collaboration that included *Seaside Woman*, which won the 1980 Golden Palm for the best short film.

He recalled how one day she had reminisced about her childhood. "It was so evocative. Beautiful images. She was saying that in America, she rode at night and felt the stars and open sky were so close she was riding *in* the skies. What she said and felt was very strong." Those images were reproduced in the film, which he planned and directed with her.

He described her as a generous woman who "always had a wonderful delicate way to make you feel *you* thought of an idea". The film was completed just weeks before her death. "She never felt she was going to die," he said.

Sheila Whitaker, former director of the London Film Festival, said that there is no sense of pain in the film. "That is quite extraordinary. It indicates the sort of person she was. There is a line in the song, 'we're all feeling perky' ... You do leave feeling perky. It's full of fun."

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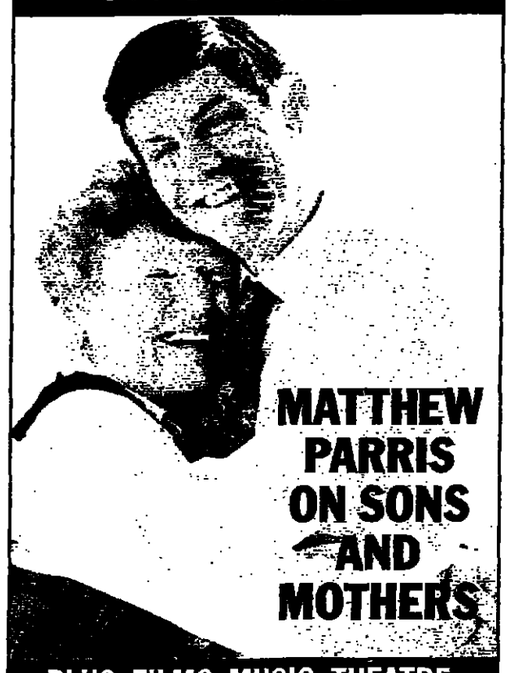
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British Nazi victims to get £400

Survivors of Holocaust will receive help to 'free them from misery of poverty', reports **Mark Henderson**

MORE than 500 Holocaust survivors in Britain will be the first in the world to benefit from an international aid fund for victims of the Nazis, the Foreign Office announced yesterday.

They will shortly receive cash payments of about £400 each from the Government's £1 million contribution to the International Fund for Needy Victims of Nazi Persecution. The fund was set up at the conference on Nazi-looted gold called by Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, last December.

For Fritz Lubliner, 83, who escaped to Britain from Hamburg in 1938 but lost many relatives and friends in death camps, the payment may allow his first holiday for 29 years. "I live on the edge financially. . . it is very hard to afford any kind of treat. Any financial help is most welcome to me," he said.

About £200,000 of Britain's donation will be distributed within weeks to survivors on low incomes already identified by the Board of Deputies of British Jews. A further £130,000 will be held in reserve to offer to victims yet to come forward and to provide emergency help to survivors who have special needs, such as wheelchairs.

Applications for funds from non-Jewish victims of the Nazis will be considered on the same basis as those from Jews.

The rest of Britain's contribution — £670,000 — will go to Holocaust survivors in Russia, Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus, many of whom suffered persecution under communism after their liberation from the Nazis. An estimated 70,000 people will benefit from the money, which will be spent on medical services.

Mr Cook said: "We all have a responsibility to ensure that people who survived the greatest crime of our century do not live their lives in poverty.

"The fund was launched to provide speedy and practical help to those people, especially those who have suffered under both Nazism and communism. We can never erase the scars borne by those who were persecuted by the Nazis. But the fund can at least ensure that they can grow old gracefully, freed from the misery of poverty."

The cash allocated to Britain will be handed out to survivors and refugees living on low incomes and benefits. The first 500 were assessed after completing questionnaires and will receive a flat-rate initial payment of about £400.

New applicants may qualify for money from the reserve fund. Application can also be made for special hardship payments. After a year, any remaining money in the reserve fund is likely to be distributed among all the needy survivors.

Another who will receive a payment from the fund is Bertha Leverton, 75, of Edgware, northwest London. She escaped Germany before the war as one of the *Kindertransporte* — Jewish children allowed to leave as refugees. She arrived in Britain from Munich in 1939, alone at the age of 15, and found a home with a family in Coventry who, she said, treated her as a domestic servant. Her younger brother and sister followed her to England and she was reunited with her parents in 1943.

"It is wonderful that there is recognition of the terrible time the Jews had in the war," she said. "I was lucky to escape, but even so I was not happy living away from my family and friends without love."

Neville Nagler, Director-General of the Board of Deputies, said the donation represented "real and tangible recognition" of survivors' suffering and distress: "There was no moral imperative on the Government to make such a gesture, and that makes the decision all the more welcome."

Holocaust support groups welcomed the payments, even though the sums paid are likely to be small. Lord Janner of Braunstone, QC, chairman of the Holocaust Educational Trust, said: "This distribution is a shining and worthy example to all nations. I am delighted that Britain is now the first contributor to start distribution from the fund."

The international fund has been promised almost £36 million from 15 countries including the United States, France and Italy. About £3 million has been received so far from the United Kingdom, Sweden and Poland. The US Federal Reserve is administrator of the fund.

It was launched by Mr Cook at the conference he hosted in London to discuss gold worth nearly £400 million stolen by the Nazis from their victims. Fifteen countries expected to receive a total of £40 million in gold recaptured from the Nazis in 1945 were strongly encouraged to give their share to the fund. All but Albania and Belgium have pledged support.





The gold fund will provide "tangible recognition" of suffering, Neville Nagler said

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Common seals can detect tiny movements by fish

How the seal finds its food by a whisker

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE mystery of how seals catch fish and other prey in murky water and at depths has been solved by scientists. The animals use their whiskers to detect the subtle movements in the water made by cod and haddock.

Scientists have long marvelled at the seal's ability to catch fish in seemingly inhospitable conditions and at night. Blind seals found in the wild have been well-nourished, showing that they can hunt successfully even when deprived of sight.

The discovery that the whiskers are the seal's equivalent of the dolphin's sonar has been made by zoologists at the University of Bonn, Germany, led by Guido Dehnhardt. The team set up a tank in which was hung a sphere, powered by electricity, that they could oscillate at various speeds to create a range of underwater waves.

A harbour seal, *Phoca vitulina*, was trained to put its head in a special loop opposite the sphere, allowing the scientists to measure precisely the distance from the animal's whiskers and nose to the oscillating object. It was trained to leave the hoop and swim off for a fishy reward when it detected water movement.

The seal was cut off from sounds using headphones, and blindfolded using eye caps, to ensure its response was not due to hearing or seeing. The researchers found that as soon as it was blindfolded it brought its whiskers into a forward position.

The seal was able to detect water speeds as low as 245 micrometers a second, which is more than enough to detect the wake of a swimming fish about 22 centimetres long. The whiskers could not only detect water movement but also accelerating waves such as those made by a fish trying to escape.

When the seal was wearing a muzzle made of mesh, which let water through but stopped the whiskers moving, it was unable to detect anything. The scientists' report in *Nature*: "Seals and sea lions, like rats, use their whiskers for active touch discrimination and probably for obstacle avoidance. However, it was unknown whether they can also use these tactile hairs for the detection of low-amplitude water movements, thus sensing distance from other objects."

Pollution changes sexual behaviour

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

POLLUTION may be causing changes in parts of the brain linked with sexual reproduction and behaviour.

Scientists have found evidence that chemicals which mimic the female hormone oestrogen — found in items such as pesticides and lacquers in tin cans — can have a powerful effect on cells in the hypothalamus of foetal rats. The cells regulate the pituitary gland which in turn orchestrates the release of hormones that control fertility and sexual behaviour in animals including man.

Mark Christian of Imperial College Medical School and one of the researchers, said: "We've now shown that they have a very potent action on neuronal cells from rat foetuses."

Alarm is growing over thousands of common chemicals used worldwide, which tests on animals have shown can behave like oestrogen or, in some cases, as blockers of the male hormone androgen. Studies in Britain have found a link between these and the feminisation of fish.

Until now, scientists believed that the developing testes of babies in the womb could have been bathed in a cocktail of oestrogen-mimickers via the mother.

However, the latest findings — published in *New Scientist* — indicate that some of the damage may be more fundamental.

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Cockell: subpoena is beingresisted

Inquiry demands guard's evidence

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

KENNETH STARR, the independent prosecutor, has struck at the heart of President Clinton's security team demanding evidence from his top bodyguard as part of an expanded inquiry into the Monica Lewinsky affair.

The subpoena for Larry Cockell, commander of the plainclothes agents who guard Mr Clinton, came as the Justice Department urged an appeals court to reverse a ruling that ordered Secret Service members to give evidence in the investigation of the alleged presidential affair.

Last night the Justice Department was trying to block the new subpoenas of Mr Cockell and four other officers.

The White House, which argues that ordering evidence from the Secret Serice could endanger Presidents' lives, accused Mr Starr yesterday of being too zealous in his investigation. Mike McCurry, the press secretary, said: "Any rational human being would have a position on subpoenas issued to someone who has had a position of trust, who has overheard confidential conversations, who is then required by an overzealous prosecutor to betray that trust."

Agents who patrol the White House grounds and are stationed outside the President's door at all times are not necessarily privy to conversations, but they do have more contact with President Clinton. Mr Cockell, for example, was the only person from the Secret Service allowed in the room when the President provided five hours of sworn evidence in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case, which has since been dismissed.

British couple fall prey to voyeuristic US rapist

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

POLICE in Florida say a British couple are the latest victims of a voyeuristic serial rapist stalking tourists in hotels near Disney World. The rapist, described as a 16st black man in his early thirties, has struck at least seven times in the past five weeks.

"It's a terrible thing. We feel unfortunate about the situation," said Hamid Manouni, manager of the 130-room La Suite Inn hotel, where the British couple were attacked in their room on Monday night. The couple from Middlesex, in their twenties, had just arrived for a two-week holiday at the hotel in Kissimmee, a few miles east of Disney World.

According to detectives, they requested an iron from reception soon after checking in and left the door to their room ajar as they waited for it to be delivered. Instead, a large man barged his way into the room, pointed a pistol at them and ordered them to hand over their money and remove their clothes.

When a hotel worker knocked on the door with the iron, the assailant calmly accepted it without arousing suspicion. After forcing the couple to perform various sex acts with each other for about half an hour, he ordered the man into the bathroom and then raped the woman. He fled from the room with $175 in cash.

The couple were treated at a local hospital before being taken into the care of "victims' advocates" employed by the local health service to help people to cope with traumatic events. Police have not released the name of the couple, who have since changed hotels and are staying in the Orlando area to help the police in their investigation.

A spokesman for the Kissimmee Police Department said a suspect had been identified and it was hoped to make an arrest soon. "We're putting all our efforts into it," said Pam Rousch, the commander of the department.

Police said the case has been difficult to solve because it involves victims from different countries. A couple from India who were also attacked declined to press charges, police said.

On Saturday, a couple from Massachusetts were attacked in similar fashion at their hotel, the Park Inn International, only three miles from the La Suite Inn. Police say similarities between the cases led them to believe that all the attacks are the work of one man.

All the couples were robbed at gunpoint before being forced to strip and engage in sex. In at least three cases, the woman was raped after her male companion was forced into the bathroom.

The rapist ambushes tourists either arriving at or leaving their hotel rooms. In Saturday's attack, he asked a victim for directions to the main lobby before forcing his way into the room.

Police fear that the rapist will continue to seek more victims until he is caught. The style of the attacks — including the voyeurism — and their increasing frequency suggest a man who feels emboldened by his ability to evade capture so far.

Hotels in the area have been instructed to increase their security patrols. Mr Manouni advised tourists to pay attention to safety tips, printed in three languages, on the hotel room keys. These include always using the dead bolt and never opening the door before verifying identity.

The La Suite Inn is one of many economy motels in the Orlando area that cater for lower-budget tourists. Security is a problem at motels where rooms are often adjacent to car parks with easy access to unwelcome visitors.

The Kissimmee police released a composite sketch of the rapist based on descriptions given by two of the victims. On Monday he was seen with a baseball cap pulled tightly over his head, a T-shirt and shorts.

The police are also under pressure from the Disney World tourist industry to solve the crimes quickly. "Obviously, it's not good for the tourist trade. We want to get this guy captured," said Jim Murphy, the chairman of the local tourism council.



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Rob Cahill, a New Zealand farmer, uses a jet ski to drive cattle stranded by floods across the Waikato River south of Auckland. As rain swept down on large areas of the North Island in New Zealand's worst floods this century, a herd of dairy cows was rescued after being swept away by the raging waters of the remote Waimana River in the Bay of Plenty. Rescuers were able to pluck the animals alive from trees dozens of miles downriver. The Waikato, at 263 miles the country's longest river, overflowed along much of its length. At Mercer, near its mouth, a herd of 60 cattle was stranded by the rapidly rising waters. Coaxing them into the water failed and hope then rested on four jet skiers. Their effort was largely a failure, with one animal drowning. While some were rescued, most were still trapped. There have been no human deaths or injuries. The Auckland-Hamilton-Wellington highway was closed. (AFP)

Jet ski farmer tries to save herd



Hergé: picked up ideas from films and novels

Creator of Tintin 'was plagiarist'

Paris: The author of the Tintin books "borrowed" ideas from films, other cartoonists and novels without acknowledging the debt, according to the latest research on the creator of the ageless boy reporter (Ben Macintyre writes).

"The plagiarism of Hergé revealed at last," declared the magazine *VSD* yesterday, predicting that the news would "create a storm among Tintin worshippers".

Two new works on Georges Remi, who used the *nom de plume* Hergé, claim the cartoonist appropriated themes, storylines and even whole images. Ideas for *Destination Moon* and *Explorers on the Moon* allegedly came from a 1950 American sci-fi film, *Destination Moon*.

Fifty die and crops wither as heatwave plagues Bible Belt

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

SWELTERING temperatures continued to torment the American South yesterday as officials blamed the heatwave for more than 50 deaths and the ruining of crops across thousands of acres in the so-called Bible Belt.

The latest victim was an 84-year-old woman from Dallas who died in her home, bringing to at least 23 those who have died from heat-related causes in Texas. The weather is held responsible for another 26 deaths in Oklahoma and Louisiana.

Almost all of the victims have been elderly ill people; many have died in homes where air conditioners were either broken or turned off because of the cost.

Temperatures from Florida to California remain between five and ten degrees above average and yesterday Texas recorded its tenth consecutive day of 38C (100F) or higher. The state hit a peak on Sunday, with Dallas registering an 18-year record of 43C (110F).

"In order for things to change, we would need a significant rainfall every three to four days, and we are not expecting anything like that in the immediate future," Gregg Waller, of the National Weather Service in Houston, said.

The drought, the worst since 1980 when temperatures stayed above 38C for 69 days, has caused estimated losses of $4.6 billion (£2.8 billion) to the Texas economy, including at least $1.5 billion in ruined crops.

Florida and New Mexico have struggled with fires for weeks while arid conditions have made all of Georgia's 159 counties into disaster areas.

In Washington, the White House cited the recent statistics as further evidence of global warming. Vice-President Al Gore said that, on a worldwide average, last month was the hottest in more than a century of climate records.

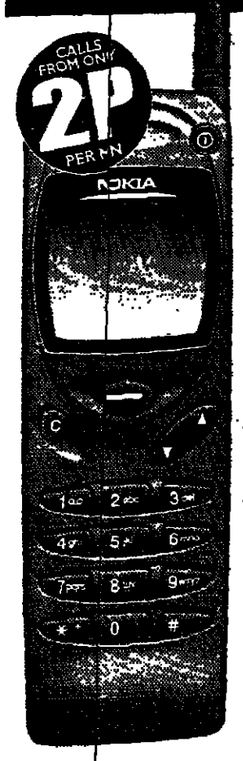
"How much more proof do we need that global warming is real?" he said, chastising Congress for failing to accept the Kyoto protocol on curtailing emissions of greenhouse gases. "It is incredibly unusual to have six months in a row and every single one of those months sets a record for being the highest month ever. You can see quite clearly the long-term warming trend."

Scientists at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which monitors global temperatures, said July was on track for setting yet another record, perhaps as the hottest month in recorded history. Climatologists have put at least some of the blame on a powerful El Niño episode that wreaked havoc with weather in many parts of the world, but said yesterday that average ocean temperatures had not dropped as expected after the phenomenon subsided in the spring.

While parts of the Southern states have been plagued by the heatwave, other regions have fallen victim to heavy rains and floods. Two people were killed and three were missing in Tennessee after eight inches of rain flooded streams and washed away bridges, cars and houses in Lawrenceburg.

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Teenagers plan to lose their virginity on the internet

There's a first time for anything — and young lovers aim to prove it online

James Bone writes

IN *The Truman Show*, one of this summer's big Hollywood movies, Jim Carrey plays an ordinary American who grows up to realise that his entire life has been broadcast around the world by hidden cameras as a soap opera.

Carrey's character eventually escapes, but increasing numbers of Americans are now willingly following in his footsteps and transmitting crucial moments of their lives over the Internet.

Several citizens, most of them women, have wired their house with cameras that broadcast their comings and goings to their personal Web pages 24 hours a day. A Florida woman recently gave birth on the Internet. The Sixties guru Timothy Leary even contemplated broadcasting his own suicide.

Now, two seemingly normal teenagers are planning to lose their virginity online. Known only as Mike and Diane, the couple plan to have sex for the first time on August 4 and broadcast the occasion on their website at www.ourfirsttime.com

The idea for the stunt was Diane's, according to Oscar Wells, a California Web-page designer who spoke to her over the Internet while watching the online birth last month. "She thought [the birth] was educational, but said if they showed someone making love it would be considered obscene," he said. "She made the offhand remark, 'If I could, I'd lose my virginity online to make the point.' I said, 'If you're serious, I can facilitate that'."

The ourfirsttime website, hosted by a company that specialises in X-rated sites, shows the couple in bathing suits with their faces obscured, but promises that viewers will see "everything unobstructed" on August 4. Mike and Diane are described as "typical all-American kids" who are honour students at high school and are both active in their local church. "The live birth of a child on the Internet was a beautiful event," the couple say. "We want to show that the act of making love, which is the first step that brought that live birth about, is just as beautiful and nothing to be ashamed of."

Their plan has already aroused fury from conservative politicians, such as Senator John McCain, who is sponsoring legislation to fund filtering software for computers in schools and libraries. It has also provoked suspicion among Net-surfers.

"This page is a money-making hoax," wrote one visitor to the site. "Mike and Diane are 36-year-old porn stars." Other posted messages questioned the soap opera script and suggested that the pair had figures too perfect and well-developed to be those of average teenagers. Neither of them was made available to speak to reporters.

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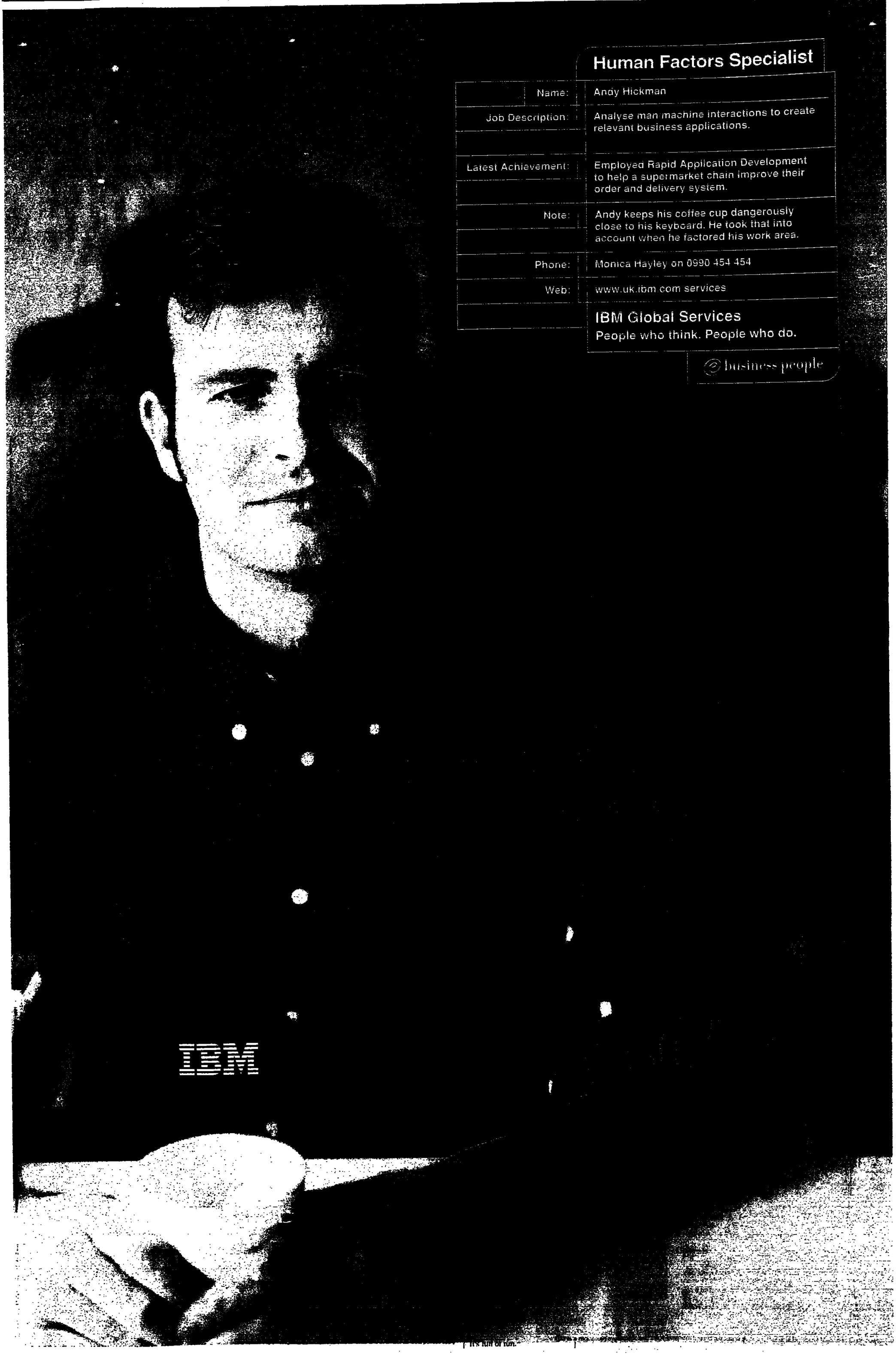
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Israeli spy judge refuses to bow out

A real courtroom drama, likened to a John le Carré plot, is intriguing the nation, Christopher Walker writes

THE judge at the centre of the sex, espionage and political scandal that has rocked Israel refused yesterday to stand down and denied in court that Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, had tried to influence him.

The scandal surrounding the conviction of Nahum Manbar, 52, a former Israeli paratrooper, for selling large quantities of chemical weapons materiel to arch-foe Iran wiped efforts to save the Middle East peace process from the headlines, and prompted calls for a judicial inquiry.

Judge Amnon Strashnov, 51, had been called upon in the Tel Aviv court by Manbar's leading defence lawyer to disqualify himself because of claims that he had contacts with Mr Netanyahu during last month's trial and "intimate relations" with a former member of the defence team, Pninat Yanei.

The climbdown call was made to the court by Amnon Zichroni, a prominent Israeli lawyer, in a hearing that had all the elements of the steamiest of television legal potboilers. He also claimed that Ms Yanei, 26, had contacts with an agent from the Shin Bet secret service.

During a 90-minute dissertation, the judge — controversial for his allegedly pro-Israeli verdicts during military trials he supervised during the intifada — rejected the charges. "These were not made in good faith. I had no contacts with Yanei before or during the trial and the last time I spoke to the Prime Minister was February 25, 1997, in public before the Knesset's Law Committee."

The Tel Aviv court then proceeded to deliberate over the sentence to be imposed on Manbar, who was convicted of selling chemical weapons equipment to the Islamic revolutionary regime in Tehran worth $16 million (£36 million). Mr Zichroni announced that he would appeal to the Supreme Court over the decision, which could lead to a life sentence.

The case, one of the most sensational in Israeli legal history, gripped the public imagination and was given the type of blanket coverage once devoted in Britain to the Christine Keeler affair. The biggest selling daily, *Yediot Aharonot*, presented a chart using blue and red arrows to illustrate the complex web of personal and professional relationships between the key players.

Top Israeli commentators insisted that a judicial inquiry would have to be held once sentencing of Manbar had been been completed. "An investigation is unavoidable," said a front-page headline in *Yediot*, which argued: "Such severe accusations cannot remain up in the air for very long." Hemi Shalev, a leading columnist, wrote in *Maariv*: "The tale that unfolds from the appeal submitted by Attorney Zichroni sounds as though it were lifted directly from a novel written jointly by John Grisham and John le Carré, and edited by *Penthouse* magazine."

Danny Naveh, the Cabinet Secretary, brushed aside suggestions that the Prime Minister might have to prepare to give evidence to an inquiry. "This phenomenon of unending defamation against the Prime Minister has in this instance reached an unprecedented low point," Mr Naveh said.

Agent feels abandoned

Jerusalem: Jonathan Pollard, an American convicted of spying for Israel and jailed for life, accused the Israelis in comments broadcast yesterday of abandoning him while his health deteriorates in a US jail. "Nobody gives a damn that I'm just dying by inches," he said in a tape played by his wife, Esther, to Israeli MPs. *(Reuters)*

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The Princess with Prince Ranier, who did not identify the father of her new child

Princess Stephanie gives birth to a girl

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

PRINCESS STEPHANIE of Monaco gave birth yesterday to a girl, according to a brief statement issued by Prince Rainier, the monarch of the tiny principality on the Mediterranean, that pointedly did not identify the father of the latest addition to the royal dynasty.

Camille Marie Kelly, who will take the royal family name Grimaldi, "saw the light of day at 9.23am. Mother and baby are doing well," the statement said.

Princess Stephanie has two older children by her former husband, Daniel Ducruet, who was previously her bodyguard. The couple married in 1995 and divorced just over a year later after a magazine published compromising photographs of M Ducruet with a former topless dancer.

Stephanie, 33, is the third child of Prince Rainier and Grace Kelly, the late actress, and the paternity of her latest child has become the object of intense speculation. The Princess gave birth to her first child, Louis, in 1992 and her second, Pauline, in 1994.

WORLD IN BRIEF

Police hunt killer of paedophiles

Sydney: Australian detectives hunting a suspected serial killer who harbours a grudge against paedophiles said they have narrowed their list of suspects to about ten. A team of 30 detectives is combing the southeastern city of Wollongong, where residents believe the killer was a former victim of a paedophile ring that operated in the district.

One victim of the killer, who is blamed for three murders, was Frank Arkell, 68, a former MP and Lord Mayor, who was accused of being a member of the paedophile ring. His battered body was found in his flat on June 27. Tie-pins had been stuck in his eyes in what was seen as representing the biblical maxim, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. *(AFP)*

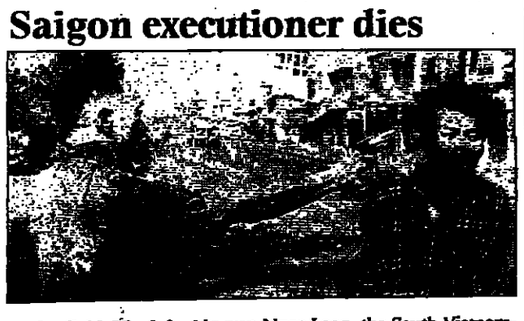
Nasa in 'space invader' alert

Washington: Nasa, in a move worthy of the latest Hollywood fiction, is creating a new office to save the world from potentially dangerous asteroids and comets (Tom Rhodes writes). The Near-Earth Object Programme Office will co-ordinate efforts to detect, track and identify possibly hazardous materials approaching from space. It is to be established in Pasadena, California, and will focus by the end of the next decade on efforts to locate at least 90 per cent of the estimated 2,000 asteroids and comets approaching Earth's galaxy that are about half a mile in diameter, large enough to cause global effects.

'Shocked' thief seeks $50m

Los Angeles: A convicted thief wants $50 million (£30 million) from a judge who ordered him to receive a 50,000-volt shock for talking out of turn. Ronnie Hawkins sued Judge Joan Comparet-Cassani and also seeks an injunction barring the sheriff's department from using electronic stun belts on defendants who do not present a physical danger. "This is right out of Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables*, in which Jean Valjean got zapped for stealing a loaf of bread," his lawyer said. *(AP)*

Saigon executioner dies



Springfield, Virginia: Nguyen Ngoc Loan, the South Vietnamese general whose summary execution of a bound prisoner was depicted in a photograph, above, that stunned the world in 1968, has died of cancer. He was 67. General Loan, head of the national police at the time of the killing in Saigon, fled South Vietnam in 1975, when the Communists overran the country, and moved to northern Virginia where he opened a restaurant, Les Trois Continents. *(AP)*

Tripper trapped in time warp

Prague: Vaclav Sneberk, a Czech tourist heading south for the Adriatic sun, had to return home after Austrian border guards noticed that, according to his passport, he was 558 years old. The man, 58, had to abandon his family after officials turned him back because his stated date of birth was 1440. Czech passport officials apologised for typing 1440 instead of 1940. *(AFP)*

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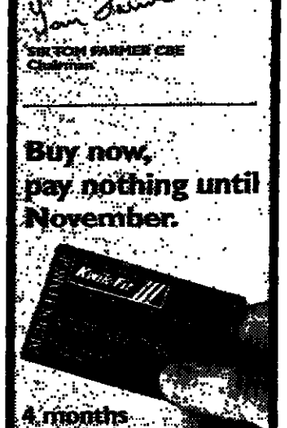
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Compiled by Deborah King.



Tsar Nicholas carries his ailing son, Aleksei, at the Livadia palace near Yalta, in Crimea, in 1912





Four of the children in Alexander Park at Tsarskoye Selo in June 1917: Olga, left, Aleksei, Anastasia and Tatyana; and, right, the Tsar and friends bathe in the Gulf of Finland

Icons of a doomed dynasty

Michael Binyon in Moscow reports how Romanov family photographs are captivating the Russian public

THE sad, solemn eyes, the full greying beard and the trim military uniform look down everywhere on Russia: from television screens, magazine covers, newspapers, placards and exhibition walls. As the country prepares to bury again the remains of its last emperor, Nicholas II is becoming an icon, as familiar as he is revered.

Now, for the first time, Russians are discovering the private, touching humanity of a Tsar they all agree was a weak leader and disastrous politician. A remarkable exhibition that has just opened a stone's throw from Red Square is drawing thousands to see the Tsar's photograph albums. About 250 pictures taken by Nicholas or his family show that not only was the last Tsar an inspired photographer, but with tragic prescience he compiled a portrait of a dynasty and a country going blithely to its doom.

The pictures, beginning at his coronation in 1896, above all are a celebration of his beloved family: his stern wife Alexandra, his four elegant daughters, his suffering son Aleksei and the pompous grand dukes and grand duchesses. The Tsar shows them having fun: carefree days at Livadia, the Crimean palace near Yalta, cruises on board the imperial yacht, playing in gardens, romping in the fields, going to church and enjoying summer picnics.

Formal portraits, posed in uniform or ball gowns, mix with coy snatches of girlish fun, pictures of the sickly Aleksei in his sailor suit with his chums, and unselfconscious shots of the Tsar and his friends bathing naked in the Gulf of Finland.

The pomp and ritual of imperial Russia peep through in the background: the loyal servants, the elite guards, processions of priests and dignitaries. So too does Russia's rolling summer landscape, its vastness and rural simplicity. The mood grows more sombre as war is declared: Nicholas, who insisted — disastrously — on fulfilling his duty as Commander-in-Chief, inspects his soldiers, poses sternly at the window of the imperial train or visits his military staff headquarters.

The record goes blank during the revolutionary turmoil and abdication; but even in May 1917, when Nicholas is a private citizen under house arrest by the Provisional Government outside St Petersburg, he and his family are still taking pictures. Some of the best show the fallen Tsar sawing wood under the watchful eyes of his prison guards, or dutifully tending the garden.

There are no photographs of the final bitter year of imprisonment by the Bolsheviks in Tobolsk and Yekaterinburg; their stoicism and piety can only be imagined from the smiles of earlier years. One guard said that the camera was stolen from Ipatiev House soon after the family was murdered.

How the earlier pictures survived is unclear. But Russians believe that Lenin, ever mindful of historical record, insisted on securing the pictures in sealed archives. Many have been published abroad, but never have Russians themselves had such a chance to linger over their past.

Those visiting the Manezh hall, the former Kremlin stables that has often broken taboos in staging exhibitions, were silent and solemn: the murder of a Tsar so naive, so bloody and so clearly bewildered by events still causes a frisson in the Russian soul.

Political controversy, fuelled by the Communists' opposition to any rehabilitation of Nicholas and the quixotic refusal of the Russian Orthodox Church to accept the authenticity of the bones, have only served to fuel public fascination.

Each night brings old films on television showing the splendour and wretchedness of the last days of the Romanovs. Commentators debate the significance of the murders, and students snap up all the books published on a subject once so taboo that even a mention of the Tsar could lead to Stalinist repression.

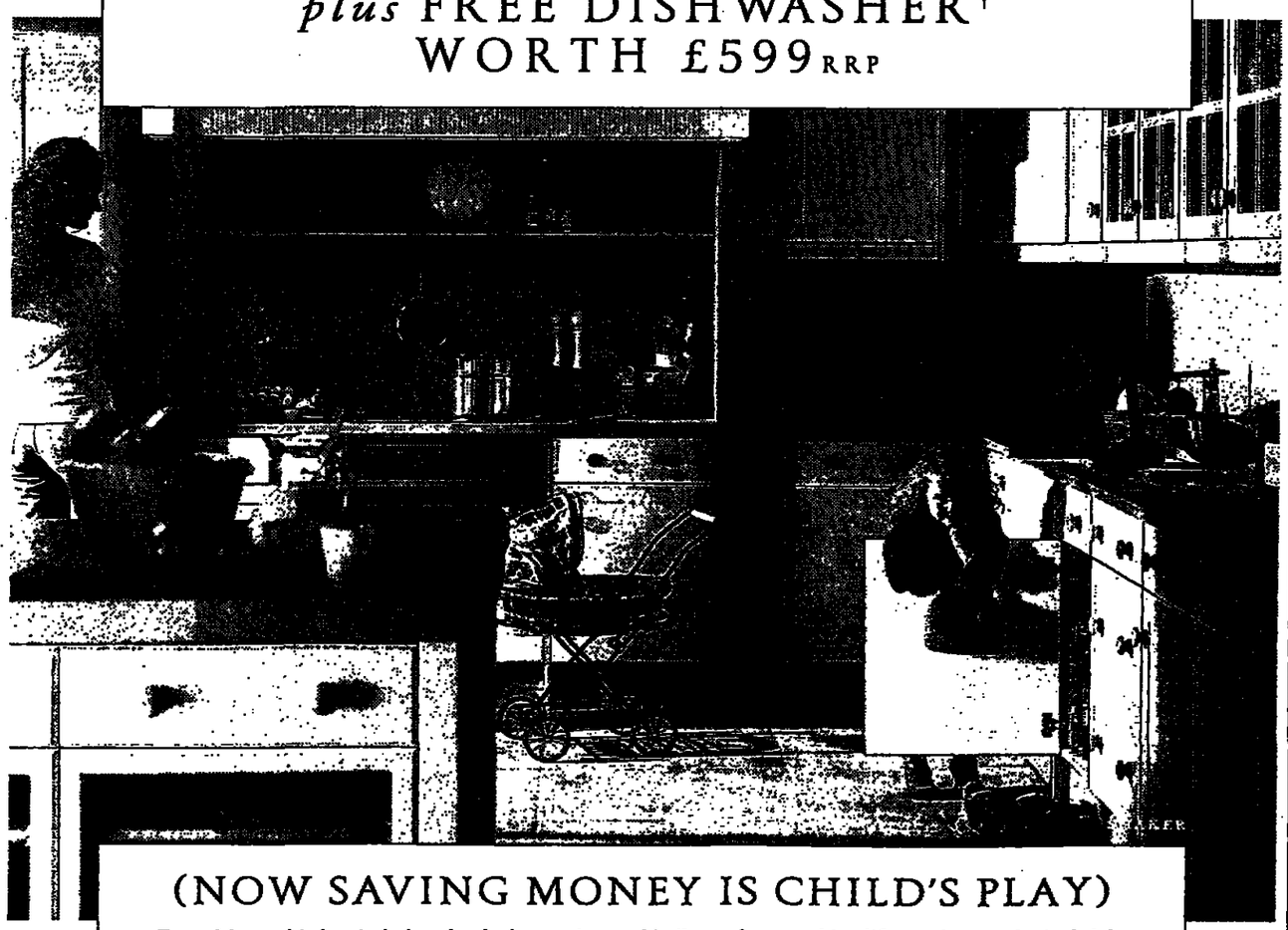
The subject now spurring rumours across the capital is whether President Yeltsin will attend the interment tomorrow after all. Well-placed sources insist that he may do so not as President but "in a private capacity". Conveniently, he begins his holiday today and is calling in at St Petersburg on his way to Karelia.



Tsarina Alexandra with her husband Nicholas at the summit of Mount Al-Petri in Crimea in 1909

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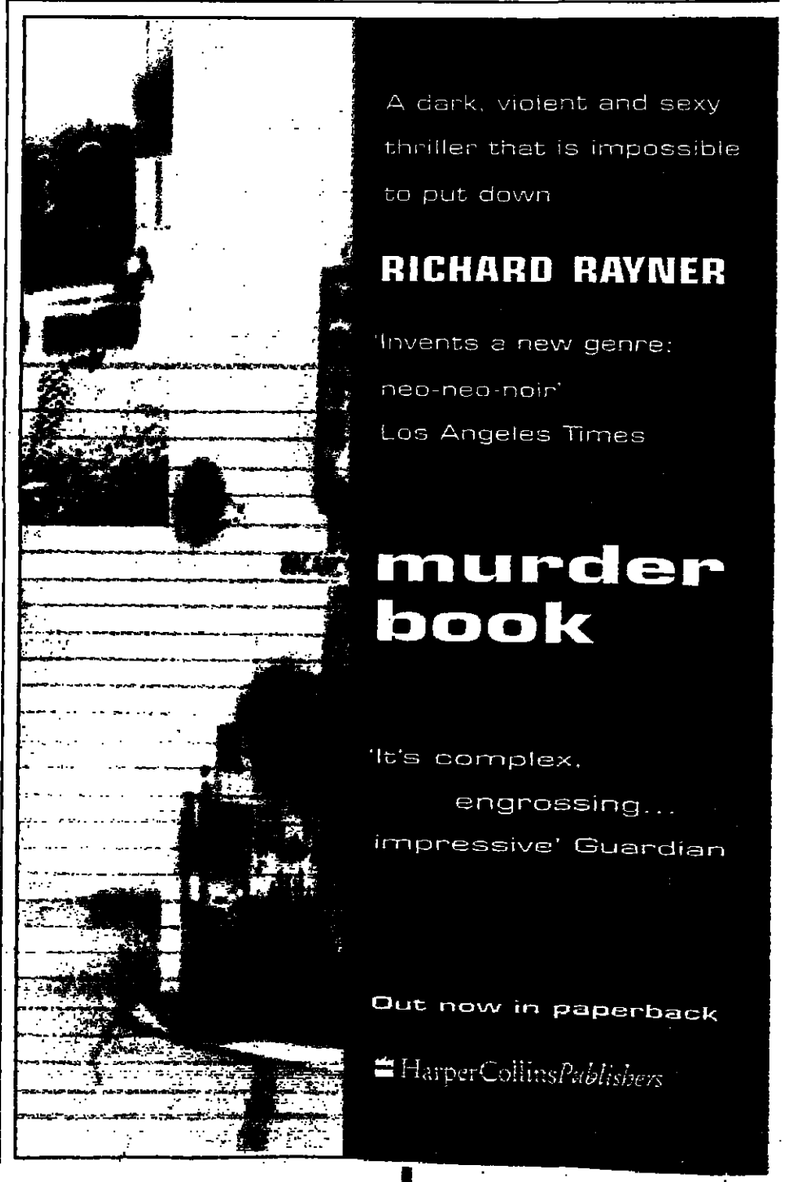
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Assad urges EU to fill void in peace process

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

PRESIDENT ASSAD of Syria, the hermit of Middle East politics, today starts a landmark state visit to France aimed at drawing Europe in to fill the void left by the failure of US peacekeeping.

"France and the European Union have a right and even a duty to play a role. It is in their interest," Mr Assad told French television. He gave a warning of dire consequences if the stalemate continues. "If we achieve nothing, war will break out and spread to several countries, directly or indirectly."



Assad: gave warning of Middle East war

Two British warships will dock in the Syrian port of Latakia tomorrow. Not since 1950 have British warships visited Syria and much pomp and ceremony will attend the five-day stay of the *HMS Marlborough*, carrying 174 sailors, and the Royal Fleet Auxiliary *Fort Victoria*, with 125. They will host several receptions for Syrian officials and be open to the public. Crew members are to receive medals from Major-General Wael Nasser, Commander of the Syrian Navy.

"Our decision to send two of the most modern ships in the Royal Navy to visit Latakia is intended to symbolise our determination to build a relationship of partnership between Syria and the United Kingdom," Basil Eastwood, the Ambassador in Damascus, has said. Relations with Syria have warmed gradually since ties were restored in 1990, after Mr Assad's decision to send troops to join the international coalition that ended the Iraqi occupation of Kuwait. It marked a turning point in Mr Assad's relations with the West, which had long accused Syria of sponsoring terrorism. London broke off relations in 1986, after Britain uncovered a Syrian plot to blow up an Israeli passenger plane at Heathrow.

Improved relations with Syria have boosted trade. British exports were worth £84.4 million last year, compared with £24.6 million ten years ago.

But the naval visit has been overshadowed in the Syrian press by Mr Assad's trip to France, his first in 22 years. Newspapers have been lavishing praise on President Chirac who, on a visit to Beirut last month, said Damascus was "entitled to the return of the Golan Heights" from Israel.

M Chirac has also echoed demands by Syria and Lebanon that Israel unconditionally end its 20-year occupation of southern Lebanon.

France is the obvious answer to Mr Assad's need for a strategic partner to balance Israel's alliance with the United States. For France, keen to make a comeback in the Middle East, Syria is regarded as the pivotal player in the Arab world.

Although disillusioned with Washington, the wily Syrian leader, who has ruled his country with an iron grip for nearly 28 years, has been careful not to alienate the world's only superpower. "The Europeans do not want to replace the Americans. They want to participate in the peace process alongside the United States in order to help it move along," he told French television.

Mr Assad's diplomatic offensive, which includes a trip to Russia later this year, comes as the 67-year-old leader continues to groom his son, Bashar, a British-educated ophthalmologist, to succeed him. President Assad recently sacked the powerful head of intelligence and forced the retirement of his chief of staff, who was apparently disliked by Bashar.

A retiring figure, Bashar was thrust into the limelight four years ago when Basil, his flamboyant older brother, died in a car accident.

☐ **Paris:** President Assad denied in an interview that Alois Brunner, wanted as a Nazi war criminal, was in hiding in Syria. *(AFP)*



The giant carving in the desert. The local police are unimpressed, even if mystified. "I found loo paper out there," said one officer

Outback police suspect 2½-mile man has tall story

Australia has a phenomenon that cuts crop circles down to size, **Roger Maynard** reports

IT IS arguably the world's largest work of art with a perimeter of more than 17 miles. But last night the people of Marree, deep in the heart of the South Australian Outback, were still scratching their heads over how it got there.

In a mystery that appears to echo Britain's home-grown crop circles, a giant outline of an Aboriginal man poised to throw a stick has appeared, apparently ploughed into the desert crust near Lake Eyre.

The figure, two and a half miles long, was first spotted last week after an anonymous fax to the local pub.

No one has so far claimed responsibility for the classic Aboriginal pose of a man carved into the dust near Finniss Springs in northern South Australia state.

Further investigation by police and a power station employee into the work revealed that the huge carving had been professionally pegged out every six miles. They also found a bottle containing what appeared to be a satellite photograph, an American flag and a note which referred to the Branch Davidian cult in the United States. But who was responsible for the desert giant remains a mystery. Regulars at the pub in Marree are equally intrigued, as the carving could only have been created by the use of heavy machinery.

Curiously, there are no big tyre marks to suggest the use of a tractor or a heavy loader. Surprisingly, for an area where people know each other's business for hundreds of miles around, nobody admits hearing or seeing anything out of the ordinary.

Even the anonymous fax sheds no light on the puzzle. It simply gave directions to the carving and claimed it was "the world's largest work of art". It is said to be five times the size of the largest human drawing at Nazca in Peru.

As for the possibility of extra-terrestrial beings, Senior Constable Paul Liersch of Marree police station thinks not. "It's not that spooky, not unless they drive Toyotas," he said. "I found toilet paper out there so, if it has been done from space, they're fairly much like us," the officer explained in his blunt Outback manner.

He said it was more likely the work of locals seeking to make a tourist attraction of Marree — 370 miles north of Adelaide — which boasts a population of just 60.

Hong Kong airport begs for help

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN BEIJING

IN A fresh humiliation for Hong Kong and its troubled new international airport, some cargo aircraft destined for Chek Lap Kok may land instead just across the Chinese border at Shenzhen, considered a potential rival to Hong Kong, the official *China Daily* reported yesterday.

China's Civil Air Administration (CAAC) agreed to handle some cargo for the supposedly state-of-the-art £12 billion facility at Chek Lap Kok at the request of the airlines, the newspaper quoted officials at the Chinese airport as saying. The statement came after Hong Kong airport authorities, wrestling with chaos after a too-hasty opening of the new airport, asked Beijing for the right to land some of its cargo aircraft at Shenzhen, the newspaper said.

"This is startling news and humiliating for the Hong Kong aviation authorities," one foreign commercial attaché in Beijing said. "For Hong Kong to come cap in hand to Shenzhen shows the depth of the problems it is facing."

A Shenzhen Airport Corporation spokesman said extra staff had been employed and could start work immediately an aircraft landed. A command post had been set up "to guarantee operations, logistics and safety at the airport".

HACTL, Hong Kong's main freight agency, halted imports last Friday so that it could clear the backlog piling up after a computer crash at Chek Lap Kok.



Builders in central Hong Kong yesterday working on the new airport's rail link

Gucci accused says police beat him up

Rome: Benedetto Ceraulo, the Italian accused of being the trigger man in the 1994 murder of Maurizio Gucci, yesterday strongly denied involvement in the killing of the fashion mogul and claimed that he had been beaten by police after his arrest (John Phillips writes).

Court sources said he was expected to give evidence again at the Milan trial and that tomorrow's session could be the last of the hearing before the presiding judge orders a recess until September. Signor Ceraulo, who is accused of carrying out the murder at the request of Gucci's former wife, Patrizia Reggiani, said he was savagely beaten and kicked by police until he bled.

Sicily hunts killer after wife is shot

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

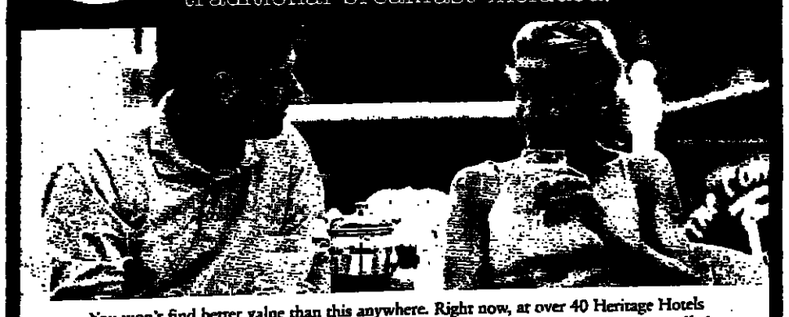
SICILIAN police were yesterday searching for a convicted serial killer who is suspected of murdering his wife. He had been released from prison on house arrest because he was suffering from anorexia.

Virgilio Cosentino, 34, vanished from his home at Mascalucia, Catania, with his two children, aged three and seven, after his wife, Antonina Delfino, 30, had been shot 15 times with a pistol. Cosentino had left his house a month ago.

Enzo Guarnera, his lawyer, described his client as "a man terribly frightened by the idea of returning to prison, where he had become anorexic, losing more than four stone". Cosentino lost an appeal last month against a sentence of 24 years for killing three people in 1995.

Investigators in the inquiry into the killing of his wife initially thought she might have been murdered as part of a vendetta against Cosentino. However, evidence from neighbours led the police to conclude that Cosentino was their main suspect. Immediately after the murder, a car left the street at speed and a short time later carabinieri nearby chased a red BMW with Rome registration plates. Cosentino was known to have such a car. The carabinieri car crashed and the BMW escaped.

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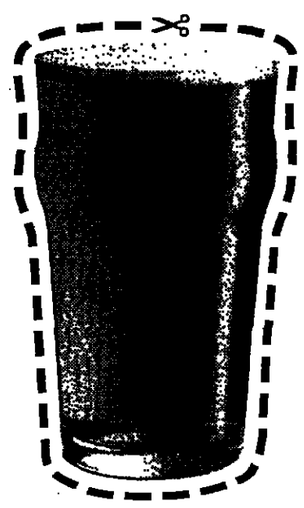
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Dr Thomas Stuttaford reports on anxiety disorders; schizophrenia; meat and bowel cancer; Ronaldo's seizure and tips for a healthy heart

Shyness can be a disability

If the paybook of the Duke of Portland — the 18th-century equivalent of James Bond's M — is to be believed, William Wordsworth was not only a radical and romantic poet but also a spy.

Wordsworth certainly suffered during his travels in France in the Napoleonic Wars, but whether this was in the service of his country or at the behest of his hormones, is uncertain. Latterday venerealogists suspect that his persistent eye problems may well have stemmed from a genitourinary infection caught at that time.

This diagnosis would provide more evidence for the theory supplied by Kenneth Johnson in his recent biography, *The Hidden Wordsworth*, that the poet's emotions were less rarefied than his later romantic image suggested.

However lusty, and spy or not, Wordsworth understood anxiety disorders:

My apprehensions come in crowds;
I dread the rustling of the grass;
The very shadows of the clouds
Have power to shake me as they pass.

Wordsworth described a generalised anxiety disorder, a disproportionate sense of fear and apprehension, induced without good reason. In some people the anxiety is not generalised but is attached to some particular circumstance or object — they suffer from a phobia.

The common phobias include such socially inconvenient excessive fears as a dislike, for instance, of flying, of heights, of spiders, snakes, birds, or claustrophobia or agoraphobia.

One disabling phobia, which is too rarely discussed, is social phobia that shades imperceptibly into shyness. Dr George Beaumont, the Editor Emeritus of *Psychiatry in Practice*, has reviewed the problems of social phobia in his journal.

Social phobias stem from a fear that sufferers may behave in a way which will lead to their humiliation or embarrassment — in essence, that they are going to make a fool of themselves.

> One famous politician suffered from a fear of eating in public

The patients dread that they are being judged by those around them and that this judgement will find them wanting. Social phobias may be generalised, so that simply crossing the lounge of a hotel, mounting a platform at a public meeting, taking communion in the church or even meeting a new group of strangers all produce the unwelcome responses of extreme anxiety.

Social phobia will be enhanced if the patients not only have to be present but are expected to talk once there. This would allow bystanders not only to judge their appearance but also their public speaking ability and conversational adeptness. Sitting in terrified silence, they fear that their comments are considered foolish and irrelevant and that they will be forever damned as socially inept or boring. Most patients with extreme social anxieties suffer from a generalised social phobia that would embrace occasions ranging from the Parents Teachers' Association meeting to dinner with the in-laws or a Buckingham Palace garden party.

Not all social phobias are generalised but may involve only one aspect of public life, possibly eating, drinking or speaking. One well-known politician suffered from a fear of eating in public. When visiting a constituency, he had drinks with the supporters before a meal, disappeared to eat by himself under the pretext that he had a few bits of urgent business to complete, and later joined the company for coffee.

Surprisingly, this fear extended to his own dinner parties. Guests were greeted by the politician and served with a pulverising drink; he was absent throughout dinner, leaving his wife in charge, but came back once the table had been cleared.

The disadvantages of social phobia extend beyond the dining room or altar rail. Sufferers may not only be limited in the holidays they take and their interests but they may have had to opt out of sixth-form college or university.

Statistically sufferers are more likely to lead solitary lives as they find it hard to make the close relationships that would have converted a date to a lasting alliance.

Their suicide rate is six times the national average. Shyness, too, can be disabling but whether there are differences between extreme shyness and social phobias is a moot point.

Although only 3 per cent of people suffer permanently from social phobia, another 12 per cent have periodic symptoms. Patients with social phobia deserve treatment from doctors, otherwise they have a tendency to treat themselves with alcohol or soft drugs thereby giving themselves the Dutch courage to face the feared situation. Dr Beaumont suggests that explaining the condition to the patients is a first step to their recovery. The patients' fears may be more readily understood if they keep a diary recording their taxing moments.

Subsequent treatment should rely on a combination of psychology and pharmacology. Cognitive therapy, which improves a patient's self-esteem, is helpful — as are beta-blockers, which are effective in controlling anxiety during public performances. More recently, some of the antidepressants have been shown to have value. In particular, the preparation Manerix moclobemide is likely to prove effective in controlling many of the most distressing features of the condition. Manerix is not free of side-effects and care has to be taken to avoid many foods — it doesn't mix with a variety of drugs, but these disadvantages are much less pronounced than in older preparations.



SUPER STOCK

Alone in a crowd: many people suffer from such an acute form of shyness that performing any task in public can become a nightmare

When pills are better than prayer

THE tragic cases of Daniel Joseph and Carla Thompson have again shown that kindliness and even prayer may not be enough to control schizophrenia. Schizophrenia, whatever its origins, is a biochemical disease which needs appropriate medication, coupled with understanding in the right surroundings. Joseph was taken into the care of Mrs Thompson, who herself had endured psychiatric problems and a breakdown. She devoted her life to religion and the care of others who had suffered in the same way as she had.

So long as he took his pills, Daniel was able to cope. Mrs Thompson persuaded him, with the best possible motives, that the pills were unnecessary and his psychotic symptoms returned. The psychiatrists prescribed them again and he improved; Mrs Thompson again persuaded him to abandon them and his condition deteriorated to such an extent that in some deluded state he battered her to death. He then attacked her neighbour.

Perhaps modern psychotropic drugs — the atypical neuroleptics — still have side-effects, but these are minimal compared with those of traditional medication. The number of atypical neuroleptics is increasing rapidly. At a recent conference in Glasgow, the first data was given about a new drug, known at present as M100907, which is proving to be effective against a whole range of symptoms found in schizophrenia. So far, it seems remarkably free of side-effects.

Meat factor in cancer

SEVERAL hundred doctors and health professionals met recently at the Royal College of Physicians to discuss prevention and early diagnosis of bowel cancer. The meeting was organised by the British Digestive Foundation.

Dr Sheila Bingham of the Dunn Clinical Nutrition Centre in Cambridge presented statistics that made the delegates think carefully about what they chose for their lunch after the meeting. Dr Bingham produced evidence to support her claim that some 80 per cent of the 30,000 cases of bowel cancer diagnosed in Britain each year can be attributed to an unwise choice of menu. She believes that bowel cancer is preventable in most cases, and that all we have to do to reduce the risk of developing the disease is to be more selective about our meat intake, which has to be carefully judged both as regards quantity and type, and to eat more vegetables, starch and fibre.

> All we have to do is be more selective about our meat intake

Although there is a direct link between the amount of meat eaten per head of population in any country and the incidence of bowel cancer, this simple statistic conceals many complexities. New Zealand, the United States, Canada, Denmark and Britain — countries where there is a love of steaks, chops and sides of beef — have the highest number of cases. Nigeria, where cereals form the bulk of the diet, has the lowest.

Not all meat is equally responsible for these figures. Dr Bingham's research shows that white meat actually seems to protect against colo-rectal carcinoma; conversely, processed red meat seems to be more dangerous than the unadulterated joint of beef.

The assumption is that although the overall figures in a country show that eating red meat has an important part to play in determining incidence, in so far as individuals are concerned it is the interaction between diet and genetic inheritance that dictates personal risk.

Vegetarianism is not always the answer — while vegetarians have less cardiovascular disease than meat eaters, they still suffer from an equal amount of colo-rectal carcinoma.

Last year at a meeting in Italy organised by the European Cancer Prevention Organisation, Dr Michael Hill, its chairman, reviewed 55 research projects on links between fibre and bowel cancer. These showed the importance of being selective about sources of fibre as well as types of meat. Cereals, especially those with wheat fibre, protect well against bowel cancer; vegetables are also highly efficient. But Dr Hill noted that despite the Victorians' belief in the importance of fruit in maintaining regular bowel action, there was "little evidence that it helped to prevent incidence of bowel cancer".



Stresses and strains that hit Ronaldo

THE seizure suffered by Ronaldo, the Brazilian footballer, has excited as much comment among doctors as among sports enthusiasts. There has been discussion on which of various relevant factors could have triggered this episode. Was it stress, the withdrawal of painkillers prescribed for his knee or ankle, or heavy sedation?

Dr Ted Reynolds, the director of the Institute of Epileptology, says: "After a major convulsion it can take hours or even days to return to normal intellectual sharpness and to recover from muscle aches and pains." Little wonder that Ronaldo's performance in the World Cup was disappointing.

Epilepsy is diagnosed only when people have recurrent seizures resulting from a disturbance in the electro-chemical activity in the brain. The seizure threshold is lowered by *tiredness, emotional tension* or excitement. One person in 50 will develop some manifestation of epilepsy at some time in their life; one in 20 will actually have a seizure.

Epilepsy can occur at any age, but Ronaldo, at 21, has passed one peak period for diagnosis and not reached the second. It is most often diagnosed before 20 or after 60. The patient needs an electroencephalogram — brain-wave testing — which should be taken when he is both awake and asleep, and either a CT scan or MRI scan to look for any underlying cause in the brain such as a head injury, perhaps even an old scar from a ball headed too hard.



Ronaldo: suffered a fit

Help for heart patients

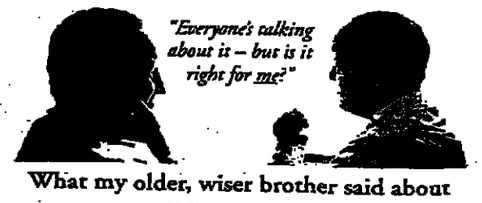
PATIENTS complain that traditional doctors haven't the time to talk to them. Too frequently patients leave the consulting room feeling that their doctor may have reached the right diagnosis but that he hasn't adequately revealed his thought processes to the anxious sufferer. In contrast, complementary practitioners tend to be endlessly painstaking with their explanations, and this may be one reason why this form of medicine is gaining in popularity.

Busy doctors, or dissatisfied heart patients, couldn't do better than to invest in Dr Graham Jackson's latest book, *Heart Health at Your Fingertips*. It contains 250 pages devoted to questions that patients ask and the answers the doctor wishes he had given if only he'd had the time to think how best to put them.

Dr Jackson, a consultant at Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital, couldn't have a more conventional background, but his book, with a foreword by Professor Brian Pentecost, Medical Director of the British Heart Foundation, is as explicit as any homeopath.

The questions and answers describe everything from the prevention of heart disease, causes of angina, the nature of the tests that will be done, the treatment options and their side-effects, and the best lifestyle for the patient. My father's generation of doctors complained that their successors no longer recommended diets. Dr Jackson does, as well as giving hints on exercise, he even advises on sex and the heart (which my father never would have done).

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The bravery of going back for more

New marriages for Barbra Streisand and Raquel Welch fill **Maureen Freely** with admiration

You're never too old to fall out of love. That's what my grandmother said when she left my grandfather at the age of 78. She blamed him, of course. But she was the first to admit that her life "really took off" once she had made the break. She was the most popular woman in her retirement home, pursued everywhere by a trail of heartbroken octogenarians. "I keep telling them I'm just out for a good time," she would say. "and they keep trying to ruin it."

I was not yet married at the time, and so I was in awe of the pleasure my grandmother felt at discovering, after almost 60 years of being a wife, that she was "just not the marrying kind". It didn't matter to me that she might be putting on a tough front to hide her fears, or lying to herself to make the best of a bad deal. As I said to my worried parents on countless occasions, at least she was willing to try something new, even though time was running out and the odds were against her.

But that was an arrogant single woman talking. Now that I have experienced both the frying pan that is marriage and the fire that is divorce, I know that the most courageous people of all are the ones who keep going back for more. The more reason they have to know better than to remarry, the more I am on tenterhooks for them and want them to succeed. I root for them even if I am reading about them in *Hello!*

Even if their names are Barbra Streisand and James Brolin and they are getting married in Malibu, surrounded by 900 varieties of rose and being cheered on by John Travolta, Tom Hanks and President Clinton's brother; even if Marvin Hamlisch tops off the evening by crooning "Don't know where I leave off and you begin ..." and the bride wows everyone by singing *I've Dreamed of You* and *Just One Lifetime*, and the groom steps out in front of the five-layer tiramisu cake sometime around midnight to tell his guests that every night with Barbra is a new adventure ... I still find some way to unwrinkle my nose and wish them every happiness.

My hopes are even more wishful for Raquel Welch and her new fiancé, pizza chain owner Richard Palmer — a high-risk couple if ever I saw one. At 57, Raquel is one year older than Barbra and 20 years older than her husband-to-be. Unlike Barbra, who has only been married once before, she has three failed marriages behind her. Her most recent lover was the



Engaged: Richard and Raquel

British boxing champion Gary Stretch, who told the press that he left her because she was "too old and too boring". She said it was because he was "too immature", but you have to wonder about her emotional age — and values — when you read what she says about the new one. "I can't even describe how much in love we are. I never expected to have this again in my life. I had been dating without much enthusiasm over the past two years.

"Richard is an amazing man: kind, smart, good-looking, well-financed — in fact, everything you never usually get in just one person."

Unless he makes her sign a prenuptial agreement, she will soon own half of this amazing man. But I'll admire him more if he forgets to take financial precautions, and still more if he makes a conscious decision not to take precautions, even though he is fully aware of the fact that he is marrying a very flawed human being who is likely to make him just as miserable as she made everyone else (remember her son's wedding, when she displayed her *embonpoint* to such effect that the poor bride was well and truly eclipsed). When you fall in love with a 57-year-old, you have to accept her just the way she is — and she you. There are no compromises. Both people must jump off the cliff together — which is why these 11th-hour marriages are so romantic.

But perhaps I am biased, because of the hell I recently watched two close friends go through. Both are in their fifties, both had been in bad marriages and so were deeply mistrustful of the word commitment and therefore of each other. They had been involved for ten years but every time they got too close, they would have a row and refuse to meet again for months. Finally they moved in together — for practical, financial reasons, they told everyone who didn't ask.

After this, their mistrust of each other grew even more. Each talked secretly behind the other's back about possibly getting out for good. When the man decided that, no, it really was time they got married, he was so sure his proposal would send her running that he didn't dare to tell her. Instead, he booked the register office without telling her. He telephoned all his and all her children and told them when to turn up. When he finally found the nerve to tell her, she hardly had enough time to buy a wedding dress, let alone to think about the step she was taking.

Because there was no time to make proper plans, they didn't have the reception until after the honeymoon. But I have never seen a happier woman.

The mother who disappeared

Many victims of Ulster's paramilitary murder squads lie in unmarked graves with their families denied the right to mourn. **Bill Frost** reports

Jean McConville's crime was to kneel in prayer over a British soldier as he lay dying on the streets of West Belfast. She had heard the muffled crack of the sniper's rifle and seen the young man fall; it was her Christian duty to comfort him.

But to those who watched from the balconies of the staunchly republican Divis Flats, this act of common humanity was a mortal sin against the cause. She had given comfort to the enemy — all the proof needed to brand Mrs McConville, a 39-year-old widow bringing up ten children, "a whore for the Brits and a tout (informer)".

There was only one appropriate sentence and no shortage of willing executioners. She was murdered, and buried hours later on a building site somewhere in West Belfast.

Jean, a convert to Roman Catholicism whose late husband had served with the British Army, was a victim of paranoid times and appalling cruelty: kidnapped in front of her children, tortured, "stiffed" during brutal interrogation and never seen again. But life is cheap in wartime, and Divis Flats in 1972 was the bloodiest front line.

> Life is cheap in wartime, and this was the front line

Today, Mrs McConville's daughter Helen and son-in-law Seamus McKendry also risk the fury of IRA hardliners with their campaign on behalf of all those who have lost loved ones to the silence of an unmarked grave. Much to the embarrassment of every gunman-turned-politician, the couple's pressure group, Families of the Disappeared, has won support across the Province and in the US.

"The pain at their absence remains so strong, even 26 years on. Families are denied the right to mourn," says Mr McKendry. "The IRA's failure to release the bodies serves to compound the misery already endured and to give the lie to this talk of peace."

At least 20 unmarked graves still keep their secrets across Northern Ireland but the figure could be much higher — many families failed to report abductions to the authorities, fearing reprisals by the paramilitaries. Even today the security forces cannot say for sure how many men and women, including teenagers, vanished at the height of the Troubles to be tried by kangaroo court, hooded and shot.

"We, the families, want only one thing — to give our own a Christian burial. Meanwhile the people with blood on their hands are probably taking communion at Mass every Sunday," says Mr McKendry.

"I watch my wife suffer regular bouts of depression about her mother. She then takes her sadness out on me — and who can blame her for that anger?"

McKendry admits to being "no angel" in the past. He spent time behind the wire in Long Kesh after being convicted on a charge of possessing a firearm and was once a member of the Official IRA, long since a spent force on the streets of West Belfast after a bloody schism in the republican movement.

His youthful enthusiasm for that cause has been replaced by a fierce determination to relieve the pain endured by his wife and all the others "still waiting to buy a headstone". Threatened with death by unreconstructed Provos furious at the campaign, the McKendrys have fled West Belfast and settled in the countryside.

Vivid and disturbing memories persist, though. Not a day passes without a reminder of past brutality, says Helen McKendry. She recalls her mother's abduction in Technicolor detail and wonders aloud about her suffering.

"I don't know how she died, whether it was slowly in pain, or quickly. How would anybody deal with that kind of uncertainty? I know I can't.

"I have had no real life since I was 15, since my mother disappeared. Any brief moment of happiness is always clouded by the longing to see her again, or at least to know where she was buried.

"I dream about her, too — quite a lot recently with all this talk of peace. But what about *my* peace? That was murdered when she was taken."

Mrs McKendry kneads a handerchief as she speaks of the night the Provos came for her mother. The previous evening, Jean had been taken from a bingo hall and brutally questioned for two hours but thought she had satisfied her interrogators that she was neither a "whore" nor a "tout".

"We told mum to lie low with relatives in East Belfast until things calmed down. But she said she wasn't running from anyone. So the next night they seized her again. There were four men and four women, armed with handguns.

"They pulled my mother out of the bathroom, allowed her to dress quickly and marched her to a van. My young brothers and sisters were screaming but these people couldn't have cared less."

The days which followed were "nightmarish", she recalls. Mrs McKendry and her elder brother tried to look after the little ones, but the task was beyond them.

"Every morning and night we expected mother to come back. We were asking for her all over West Belfast but nobody would tell us anything. At about the time we really began to fear the worst, the whole family was taken into care. There were no relatives able to look after so many of us.

"Going into local authority homes was the end of the family. Eventually we were all to drift apart — the only thing we have in common is being orphans who cannot visit thier mother's grave."

Soon after being taken into care, Helen met Seamus, who was working as a builder at the local authority home. He was attracted by her beauty and puzzled by her sadness.

"When I found out what had happened, I started asking around, talking to people who would know. They either warned me off or told me some tale about Helen's mother having gone to London," recalls Mr McKendry.

"There were open threats, too — threats that I might end up with the disappeared myself if I continued to make waves. Some of these people I had known all my life."

Meanwhile, an RUC investigation into Mrs McConville's disappearance had drawn a blank. There was little or no co-operation from the residents of the Divis, who were either IRA sympathisers or terrified at the prospect of being targeted themselves.

"The years passed, Helen and I married and had a family of our own," says Mr McKendry. "But always there was this shadow hanging over us. We never stopped asking about her mother. I don't think Helen really believed that Jean was dead until very recently — even now there are days when she still thinks her mother might be alive."

With the first IRA ceasefire, the McKendrys decided the climate was right to put pressure on the "godfathers" and demand that they reveal the whereabouts of *all* the graves. Astonishingly, Families of the Disappeared had enlisted the support of President Clinton within weeks of its launch.

In a speech to a Washington audience which included Gerry Adams, the President urged the Sinn Fein leader to do what he could help the relatives to at last mourn properly.

"Today there are families that have still not had the chance to grieve in peace, to visit the graves of their loved ones, to reunite after years of separation," Clinton said.

Police inquiries have been renewed, too. An eight-man RUC team is investigating the abductions and promising that if "genuine" information on graves comes in, they will start digging.

"They have told me they will locate her remains using earth-scanning equipment the same as Gloucestershire police used at Cromwell Street," says Mr McKendry. "And if that means demolishing a block of flats, that's what they'll do.

"I have some ideas about where she might be. Many of the disappeared were buried in South Armagh, but I think they dug her grave on a building site in West Belfast.

"I was told by an IRA member that Jean, who suffered from thrombosis, had choked and suffocated during interrogation. Another one said 'All I can tell you is that she was "stiffed", but he couldn't or wouldn't tell me why, the callous bastard."

Just before the McKendrys fled to in the countryside, Helen recognised one of her mother's kidnappers on the streets of West Belfast. The woman, no longer an IRA "volunteer", would say nothing of Mrs McConville's fate and became abusive.

"I didn't want lies or apologies from that bitch," says Helen. "I just wanted to know about my mother's last hours ... what child wouldn't?

"We don't want revenge, we just want peace — our own peace. None of us can come to terms with the death of a loved one in these circumstances. Where is their pity?"

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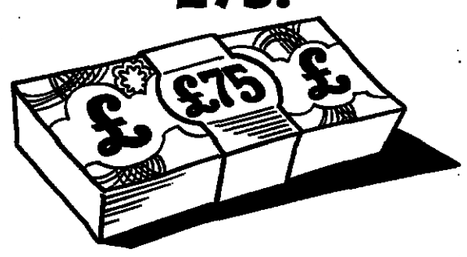


The McKendrys have established a support group for families of the "disappeared"



Murder victim Jean McConville, with her husband Arthur and three of the children

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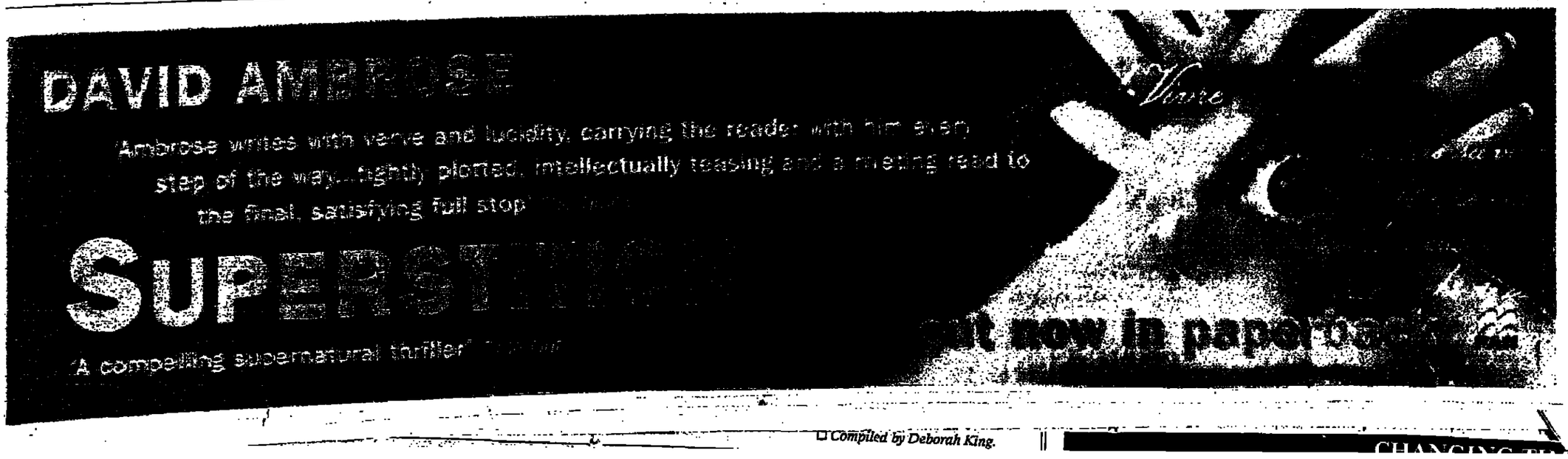
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Spectre of the Sixties spendthrifts

Tim Congdon says Brown's 'post-monetarism' is old hat

Modern is the catchword of new Labour. Many of the Government's policy initiatives are tagged with it, as if modernity gave them substance and value. In Tuesday's statement on the comprehensive spending review, the word was used repeatedly and without discrimination.

In his foreword to the White Paper, Tony Blair insisted on a "new principle" for funding public services, which he termed "money for modernisation"; the first chapter said the overall spending plans would result in "a modern and flexible role for the Government", while the Treasury would "oversee a capital modernisation fund to provide for additional innovative projects"; the National Health Service is to have its own "modernisation fund"; and so on.

But what does "modernity" mean in the control of public expenditure? The Government's most important practical innovation is the introduction of three-year limits for departmental spending. The limits are for target rises expressed in real terms, although they will be translated into cash for control purposes. They are to be "reviewed only if inflation varies substantially from forecast".

> Platitudes are no substitute for quantified targets

Mr Blair and Gordon Brown may truly believe that the three-year planning is a move towards greater modernity. However, the idea of medium-term planning — with projected increases in real terms — is far from modern. It was first advanced as an innovation in public spending control in the 1960s. The purpose of medium-term planning was to give stability to departmental programmes, despite inflation's erosion of the real value of the money allocated by the Treasury. A whole new vocabulary of control emerged, with departments justifying extra spending by appealing to the particularly high inflation they claimed to be suffering in their areas of the economy. Civil servants called this "the relative price effect", but economic commentators referred to "funny money".

The new system was supposed to bring continuity, transparency and efficiency to public expenditure decisions, and a new sweetness and light to negotiations between the Treasury and the departments. But the Treasury routinely found itself on the losing side in disputes about the relative price effect and similar matters. As a result, it lost control of spending.

Government expenditure was 35 per cent of GDP in 1964-65, the last year of a long period of Tory rule; it was 39½ per cent of GDP in 1970-71, the final year of Wilson's Labour Government; and it reached 47¼ per cent in 1975-76 as the second Wilson Government found it hard to restrain public-sector pay and prices. The mess in its finances was one of the principal reasons that the Government sought the assistance of the International Monetary Fund in 1976.

This appalling record led to a radical reappraisal of methods of public expenditure control. From 1976 the Government committed itself at the start of each year to a target for the public sector borrowing requirement (PSBR) and announced a control total, in cash terms, to help it to meet its target. So spending was subject to "cash limits". The Treasury stopped making promises to the departments about spending in "real terms".

The announcement of PSBR objectives was widely regarded as part of the move towards "monetarism". Cash limits — run on an annual basis — were needed to control the PSBR, while cuts in the PSBR were seen as part of the overall task of restricting the growth of money supply to curb inflation. Although much modified, a monetarist framework on these lines survived until last year.

In an article in the latest issue of *Centrepiece*, a magazine produced by the Centre for Economic Performance, Ed Balls — the economic adviser to Mr Brown — explains the thinking behind new Labour's economic policy reforms. He identifies the first principle as "stability through constrained discretion", which he says "embodies the pro-stability but post-monetarist intellectual consensus upon which modern macroeconomic policy is based".

This sounds clever, but what does it mean? It turns out that Mr Balls wants stability, and discretion "to respond flexibly to shocks". He does not want the Government to be hemmed too precisely in by fixed rules, but would like policy-makers to seek "credibility" by being "transparent".

So he wants rules and discretion, rigidity and flexibility, in proportions he, Mr Brown and their Cabinet colleagues will decide at the time in response to events. After this it comes as no surprise that new Labour has relabelled and downgraded the PSBR, and that Mr Balls should describe the Government's approach as "post-monetarist". It is also consistent that Mr Balls should drag in the word "modern" to hide the shallowness of his ideas.

In its first year the Government adopted the spending plans of its predecessor and, for the time being, the public finances are in good shape. In its last three years it will be on its own. New Labour needs to be told that a gush of platitudes is no substitute for quantified targets; it should also be reminded that — in public expenditure control — the fashions of the 1960s became the shambles of the 1970s.

Mary Ann Sieghart's column will return in September.



Blair's back yard

Magnus Linklater finds Scotland in revolt against the Prime Minister

Extra cash for health and schools, as Tony Blair knows full well, is an election-winning slogan. Now he has to win an election. Not in four years time, but in ten months. And there is a mountain to climb.

When the Prime Minister arrives in Scotland tomorrow he will face a political climate so dramatically different from the rest of the United Kingdom that he could be forgiven for thinking he was in another country. Which, of course, he is. The huge lead enjoyed by Mr Blair south of the border has been wiped out north of it. Here Labour trails by 14 percentage points in the opinion polls. A gleeful Scottish Nationalist Party, which pledged to hold a referendum on independence, is on course to dominate a Scottish parliament next May; it could even win outright control. And time is running out. "Worried?" said a Labour friend last week. "We're bloody terrified."

Mr Blair admits that he has neglected Scotland over the past year. Ireland and Europe have taken him elsewhere. "I know I've not been able to spend as much time in Scotland as I would have liked," he told *Scotland on Sunday* last weekend. But he knows enough to realise that unless he can stop the rot, one part of the United Kingdom might conceivably be lost, with consequences almost unimaginable for the Union, and his Government. Scotland is where Labour traditionally has its strongest roots. For decades it bolstered the party's strength at Westminster and sometimes supplied its majority. Now, suddenly, the two have fallen out of love.

The reasons are easy to enumerate, harder to understand. Precisely because the Scottish electorate pinned so much hope on a Labour victory, expectations ran higher than in England, and the disappointment when they were not met was keenly felt. Schools continued to crumble. Hospital waiting-lists grew. When Gordon Brown announced that public spending was to be held at Conservative levels, it caused a palpable shock among Labour-controlled authorities, which had already embarked on a series of deep cuts because of local government changes.

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A Cabinet well-supplied with Scots began to seem remote from Scottish interests. Alastair Darling at the Treasury, Robin Cook at the Foreign Office, even Mr Brown himself, who has been careful to maintain his Scottish links, became associated with a centralised and London-orientated administration. The disputes over welfare reforms, single mothers and tuition fees made Blairism sound remarkably similiar in Scottish ears to the one "ism" they had fought so long to get rid of — Thatcherism.

Yet even this does not explain so massive a switch. Another factor has been at work; with the approach of a new parliament there has been a growing sense of Scottishness. It is a supreme irony that the party that has finally given the Scots what they have wanted for so long is now perceived as being un-Scottish. An ICM poll for the *Scotsman* last month found that only 28 per cent believed that Labour was *mainly* a Scottish party, compared with 81 per cent who said the same of the SNP. The fact that Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary and the man credited with delivering devolution intact in a widely praised Scotland Bill, retains the respect of 51 per cent of voters, counts for little — Alex Salmond, the SNP leader, is on 59 per cent. What these figures seem to suggest is that an appetite for even greater autonomy has been stimulated, and can be satisfied only with full independence.

That, at any rate, is the gloomy prediction of the latest pamphlet from the Centre for Policy Studies. It says, in effect, "we told you so". Far from devolution bursting the bubble of SNP support, the think-tank claims it has played into the hands of the separatists. Labour's gamble has failed and Scotland now faces "not a firm and certain future, but a prolonged period of self-destructive, inward-looking politics, and a level of instability unknown for more than 200 years". Its author, Bill Jamieson, a financial journalist and one of those exiled Scots who take a jaundiced view of their fellow-countrymen, sounds at times like Private Fraser in *Dad's Army*: "Were all doomed, I tell you ... doomed." Some of his arguments, however, deserve attention.

He claims that since the SNP has picked up support by advocating a left-wing programme of higher public expenditure and more government intervention, Labour will be forced in the same direction. The result for Scotland would be to push it back towards a socialist past, confirm its reputation as a "subsidy junkie" and frighten off the outside investment on which it depends. Mr Jamieson calls his pamphlet *The Bogus State of Brigadoon*, a reference to the Broadway musical which imagined an enchanted village, full of tartan-wrapped folksiness, which remained unchanged and invisible to the outside world and could only be witnessed once every 100 years.

This view of Scottish attitudes is as locked in aspic as Mr Jamieson's mythical village. It presumes that Scotland is infected by a dependency culture that goes back to the state planning of the 1930s; that it has been fostered by successive Secretaries of State, and is so deeply embedded in the national consciousness that it is impossible to dislodge. That might have been true in the 1960s and 1970s, but it is hard to sustain today. Scotland's economy has changed as radically as anywhere in Britain, in some ways more so and it now enjoys a higher growth rate of employment than anywhere else in Britain.

To suggest that this has had no effect on political thinking in Scotland is to presume a Neanderthal set of beliefs, immune to social change. The Scots are probably more politically alert than any other people in Britain: Scottish MPs supported Mr Blair rather than Mr Brown in the party leadership elections. When voters backed Mr Blair, they were fully aware of what his party offered. If they are now disaffected Blairites, it is not because they want to revert to some mythical socialist haven, it is because they believe that Blairism has not delivered on its promises. It is certainly true that the Scots have a strong egalitarian sense that runs across all classes — what the sociologist David McCrone called "a primordial sense of equality" — it does not mean that they have any desire to lose their competitive edge as a thriving industrial nation.

Scottish voters will, in time, be every bit as rigorous when it comes to dissecting the politics of nationalism. So far the SNP has got by on Mr Salmond's brilliant footwork and policies that have never been properly costed. The party's slogan — compassion, enterprise, democracy and creativity — sounds fine, but the compassion bit has already had to be edited down. The *Glasgow Herald* has had a fine time recently revealing how the SNP has had to clear a backlog of old and costly policy commitments off its website, including a pledge to renationalise the railways, get rid of student loans and increase child benefit payments.

As an election approaches, support for the SNP is bound to fall; the Scots do not favour independence at any price. But Labour has to recognise that this is as serious a warning signal as it could be given. It is the first real challenge that the Prime Minister has faced since he came to office, and he has to meet it head-on. So far his plans in Scotland do not include a meet-the-people session, or any major public encounter, but he should not hesitate to get out and about. His personal rating still stands higher — at 61 per cent — than does that of Mr Salmond, and, armed with the benefits of his Chancellor's largesse, he could begin by making the argument that Blairism need no longer be a dirty word in Scotland.

Anatole Kaletsky is away.

A sullied image of infancy

Angelica Goodden on the 18th-century depiction of children

Anyone visiting Kenwood House in Hampstead at the moment may be in for a shock. Outside, children play innocently in glorious 18th-century landscaped gardens; but inside a very different image of childhood is on display. It differs, too, from the image ordinarily associated with the 18th century, which is often said to have "discovered" the child as an unsullied creature to be valued in his or her own right. If you look at the exhibition of 18th-century "fancy pictures" adorning Robert Adam's interior, you may be led to revise this view.

Thomas Gainsborough sketches his daughters squeezing the tail of their snarling cat, and Joseph Wright of Derby shows two little girls dressing a kitten in doll's clothes: if one depicts nothing more than childish cruelty, the other hints at sadistic pleasure. And probably more than sadism, for cats symbolise sexuality in the language of painting.

Joshua Reynolds paints a leering child, *Muscipula*, gloating over a caged mouse which is being eyed by another cat: this infant Lolita is as erotic as Greuze's *Innocence* from the Wallace Collection, a succulent nymphet whose clothes are about to fall off. Other tiny vessels, too, brim with innuendo. Reynolds's *Cupid as Link Boy* holds a phallic torch to light the traveller's way, and makes a lewd gesture with his left arm; the same artist's *Mercury as Cutpurse* holds a suggestively limp — spent — purse in his hand. It is unsurprising that Reynolds, the President of the Royal Academy of Arts, chose not to exhibit these pictures during his lifetime.

How can this suggestiveness be squared with the 18th-century belief in the intactness of childhood? Rousseau, famous for proclaiming the absolute distinctness of the child's world from the adult's, still dilated on the thrill of childhood sexual arousal (his own) in the *Confessions*. His contemporary Diderot wrote that little boys left to their own devices would kill their fathers and sleep with their mothers — which may remind us that Freud's *Oedipus complex simply* restates the pre-18th-century view of original sin. Yet on the evidence of the Kenwood exhibition, original sin was alive and kicking in the 18th century child. His (or her) mind was no virgin slate, but the instrument of a knowing little devil, cruel, deviant and seductive.

Or was this knowing child merely the invention of an over-sophisticated adult world? Perhaps the artist's fantasy alone turns the ragamuffin link boy into a sexual threat (palliated anyway by the wings that make him a divine messenger), or perhaps the responsibility lies with the artist's patron for commissioning images that answer to their own jaded and voyeuristic tastes.

If so, they seem to have regarded these tastes as less suspect than we are inclined to do. The first Lord Palmerston coolly informed his wife that she "would like" the picture of a nubile child he had bought from Reynolds, and the politician Charles James Fox was quite unabashed about the liking for exotica that made him purchase Reynolds's *Muscipula*. No moral scruples seem to have troubled Reynolds when he enticed children with pennies to act as models, though the artist Matthew William Peters did stop painting alluring, fleshy girls when he became chaplain to the Royal Academy. It is only a later perspective that shows such activity up as vaguely unseemly.

The 18th century knew a great deal about child sex abuse, whether or not it chose to call it by that name. In the cities, the seething masses of children described by William Cowper as infesting the streets every evening fell easily into prostitution: they were more vulnerable for a popular belief that intercourse with children cured venereal disease. The romantic view of childhood could still win the day: when Rousseau adopted a very young girl in Venice to "educate" her for his sexual pleasure, he eventually found himself unable to proceed with the plan. But philanthropy, the great religion of the 18th century, was often hard to distinguish from exploitation.

Not all 18th-century fancy pictures of children legitimise pornography or dwell complaisantly on cruelty. The émigré French artist Danloux was told that the ruling passions of the English were children and pets; so he painted a hugely successful picture of a sentimentalised urchin and a dog perfectly at ease together. But British artists often took a more dissenting view. Even if their original intentions were pure, what they depicted can seem highly unsettling to a later age.

Recent events may have dented our image of the pure child who trails clouds of glory, but the myth remains potent: the scale of concern about organised paedophilia is testimony to it. Yet the 18th century, which established the myth, also challenged it: as Kenwood's pictures show, its image of the child was of a sexualised scallywag as much as a cherub. If we find the imaginative pleasures of the fancy picture less than complete, perhaps the cause is a newly intensified worry about the nature and destiny of our own little perishers.

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Taming Emu

AFTER 30 years of wrestling with his feathered friend, Rod Hull is to lead the campaign to strangle EMU. The ever-popular children's entertainer (left) will shock his young fans by announcing that he has always despised EMU and wishes it had never been born: "We must not have a single currency in Britain and I will play a prominent role in the 'no' campaign. EMU is a dead duck." Hull will exhume his famously temperamental puppet from its retirement box and star in a series of posters highlighting the evils of Brussels. After talks between Hull and Baroness Thatcher, the former PM is likely to join him on a national tour. "She is still on the ball on this issue," he says. "I have had the opportunity to discuss politics with her at length and she has a brilliant mind."

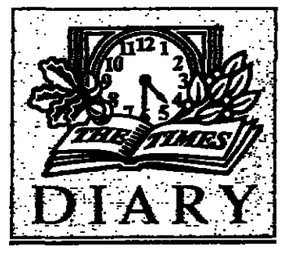
Lady Thatcher will be wary of the unpredictable Emu making a Parkinson-style grab for her ankles. For Hull it is an unlikely return to the national stage for the man who lost his Elizabethan mansion after going bankrupt and now lives in a shepherd's cottage in Sussex. John Redwood, who has just welcomed driver Nigel Mansell into the sceptical camp, will vouch for Hull's pet: "If Rod Hull tells us EMU can't fly, he should know."



● *FURTHER trouble for Mark Seddon, Editor of* Tribune *and the lobbyist's friend. He has just published an attack on a Labour whip, Keith Hughes, and legally the allegations are a bit iffy. So after Hughes threatened to run the people's paper out of business, a huge apology will appear in the next issue. This will include the very important correction that Hughes has not been driven around in a Jaguar — but in an Audi.*

Peel's pals

THE Diary is delighted to help to build a new friendship. An item here stating that Tony Banks, the Labour Minister, had placed an inkstand owned by that old Tory, Sir Robert Peel, into a Sotheby's sale attracted the attention of my loyal reader, Michael Heseltine.



At dinner, Hezza broached the topic: "Your inkstand is an excellent piece. It would look very becoming in my collection." Banks withdrew the lot and sold it to the former deputy PM — for rather more than the £2,000 estimate.

● *THE Roman Catholic Church is to forgive Sinead O'Connor, the chanteuse who tore up a photograph of the Pope on TV and who, as my picture (right) suggests, is prone to naive political fumblings. Father O'Sullivan, of St Joseph's in Dublin, has declared that she can marry her boyfriend. John Robertson, under his steeple: "If she will go along with the rules of the Church, there's no problem."*

Shaw thing

ONE of the century's greatest author's is the subject of a nasty political dispute. Lord Skidelsky is to accuse the British Museum of failing to honour the will of George Bernard Shaw. The playwright's last testament, published in 1950, dictated that some of his royalties should be used to buy books for the British Library. But Skidelsky believes the trustees have been "niggardly in honouring Shaw's intentions".

The economist has a point: the bequest is almost £7 million yet the library receives £23,000 a year. So concerned is Skidelsky that he has taken up the matter with Lord McIntosh of Haringey. The Government's spokesman on constitutional issues admitted that the trustees have been using the money to do up the Reading Room, recently vacated by the library, as part of the museum's expansion. Once this project is finished, however, the Government expects most of the bequest funds to go to the library.

McIntosh has disclosed that he passed up on the chance of finding out Shaw's opinions. "I took tea with Shaw in the summer of 1940. He did not vouchsafe his intentions to me, partly because he had not finalised his will but partly because I was only seven at the time."



On the scent

COUNTRY folk who enjoy nothing more than killing a good fox or two are rather more streetwise than one might imagine. The Countryside Alliance is trying to rig the pop charts to bump the Spice Girls (surely Posh Spice, pictured, must be a natural ally of the landowners) and other top groups off the number one spot.

This is an attempt to boost their own pro-hunting song. The Alliance's single, *Guardians of the Land*, is a jig performed by George Bowyer, heir of Lord Denham. A letter has been sent to Alliance members advising them how to manipulate the chart.

"Do not buy more than two copies at one time or else this will be counted as a multiple purchase and be discounted from the chart compilation system," it states. "If we topple the Spice Girls, it will send a very clear message to Westminster." It then lists record shops which are used by the Chart Information Network to compile the list, and urges members to buy from these emporiums. The network rather disapproves of attempts to rig its system: "If we spot any multiply sales they will be disqualified. There is a line to be drawn about



sending people such specific facts about manipulating the charts."

So what does the Alliance say about this cynical tactic? It says it advises "hunt members to buy copies individually rather than get one person to order 50." I imagine hunting types would prefer it as a 78.

● *AMONG the talking animals at the premiere of* Dr Dolittle *was that old dog Michael Caine. "It brought back fond memories," he said. Surely not of being an all-singing vet? "Don't be blahdy stupid, it reminded me of working with* The Muppets."

JASPER GERARD

CHARMED CIRCLE

Blair must now uncouple the wagons guarding Robinson

The Paymaster General is fortunate in his political friends, even if he has not always picked his business associates wisely. He also would appear to have, in private dialogue with Sir Gordon Downey, a persuasiveness that has been little seen in his public performances as a Treasury minister. Twice in the past year, Geoffrey Robinson has undergone ordeal-by-Downey; and twice he has walked over the coals apparently unscathed.

Last January, Sir Gordon investigated his failure to declare to the House of Commons his family interest in a tax-avoiding trust based in Guernsey. On narrow legalistic grounds, Mr Robinson — whose decision to seek legal advice about withholding the information suggests that he knew how narrow these were — was held to be in the clear. Yet the principle governing the register of MPs' interests is that they should declare any "pecuniary interest" which might "reasonably be thought" to influence them, and MPs are "required to keep that overall purpose in mind." Sir Gordon's view was that the trust's existence might "reasonably be thought" to be a source of potential influence on the minister. The shadow thus cast was one that Tony Blair chose to ignore.

Yesterday, the Commons' Standards and Privileges Select Committee ruled that in the matter of two paid directorships, Mr Robinson had unambiguously breached not just the spirit, but the letter of the rules. Yet this, the committee decided, did not "reach the threshold which would justify the imposition of any penalty by the House". What "threshold"? No lawcourt would render a verdict of guilty, but not guilty enough to be sentenced. Trial by MPs is clearly a more flexibly friendly procedure than trial by jury.

The Paymaster General was answerable to the House on three counts. The first concerned £200,000, entered on the audited accounts of the since bankrupt Hollis Industries, a company owned by the late and unlamented Robert Maxwell as payment to Mr Robinson, a director of the company. Mr Robinson denied receiving any money. The committee accepted Sir Gordon's view that this was correct and that the entry in the accounts was "false". As a director, Mr Robinson shared responsibility for the accuracy of Hollis's accounts. To have overlooked an entry that directly concerned him was, to put it mildly, absent-minded.

Absent-mindedness about money would, however, appear to be a recurring problem for this successful millionaire and Treasury minister. Between 1984 and 1987, Mr Robinson failed to notice that he had omitted to enter his directorship of Swiss EDM/Agie UK, from which he earned in that period more than £110,000, although he did remember to declare two other unpaid directorships. For this omission he apologised, saying that he corrected it when he noticed. He also seems to have had a "misunderstanding" about registering his paid directorship of TransTech, in which he did register his substantial shareholding.

For these sins, Mr Robinson is to be forgiven, apparently because they date from the 1980s, when "the atmosphere" in the House had yet to be cleared by the purifying breeze of new Labour. This Prime Minister, we know from last week, expects the conduct of his ministers to be "purer than pure"; any rulebreaker will be "out on his ear". So Mr Blair must share the committee's view that all this happened in another country; yesterday, he reiterated his "full confidence" in his old friend and Tuscan holiday host.

Mr Blair's choice of friends is his own affair; but in his choice of ministers, probity must come before friendship. A man so casual about his own private finance initiatives should not be entrusted with those which involve public money. On this evidence, Mr Robinson should not hold ministerial office. Mr Blair can credibly do no other than release him to the private wheeling and dealing at which he clearly excels.

BLUNKETT'S BUDGET

Whitehall and town hall clamber back into the driving seat

"Education, education, education" has been the Prime Minister's mantra. He has now added: "spend, spend, spend." The Chancellor's boast is that the extra £19 billion over the next three years will be "the biggest single investment in education in the history of our country". Labour's argument is simple: more money will result in higher standards, and it has set targets to prove it.

The case is far from proven. Spending per pupil rose by 48 per cent in real terms over the 18 years of Tory government but, as Labour's manifesto pointed out, left nearly half of 11-year-olds failing "to reach expected standards in English and maths". What matters is how the money is spent.

English local education authorities will have an extra £135 per pupil for administration and current spending. In addition, £1.65 billion will be invested in school buildings in 2001-2 — double the 1996-7 outlay. The number of three-year-olds in nursery education is to double by 2002. And the Government has, rightly, promised to devote the proceeds of student fees to improving higher education.

To ensure that this money delivers results, Gordon Brown has set David Blunkett targets. There are admirably clear plans for cutting truancy and exclusion by a third. Others are harder to measure. The Government is aiming for "a major boost in literacy and numeracy by age 11"; what this should and must mean is that children of this age can read and do sums. That would be a more significant measure of performance than success in reducing class sizes to 30 or fewer for children aged between five and seven.

This will require 2,000 new classrooms and 6,000 new teachers, costing over half a billion pounds. Only then can the Government enable parents to send their children to the school of their choice. Of course the size of class matters, but the quality of teaching matters more. Evidence from America shows little correlation between smaller classes and higher achievement. If Mr Blunkett is so sure that lower class sizes helps pupils, he should publish performance tables that set side by side schools' exam results and the size of their classes.

Where Mr Blunkett has lacked radicalism is over the politically charged issue of teachers' pay. The Government is making moves in the right direction, such as paying skilled teachers more to stay in the classroom rather than move into higher-paid educational management. But teaching remains a profession where success and expertise are not properly rewarded. Mr Blunkett is constrained by the Chancellor's ruling that public sector pay bodies must take account of his inflaton target of 2.5per cent. But had he been bold enough to introduce performance-related pay to all schools, giving head teachers the power to employ and pay staff as they see fit, he would have begun to create an education system in which the most valuable resource — teachers themselves — were given the recognition the best of them merit and the motivation they need.

David Blunkett has been an energetic and generally sensible minister, notably in giving schools more control over their budgets. He should guard against the risk that higher spending, coupled with nationally policed targets, will put Whitehall and town hall back into the driving seat. New money must not be a Trojan horse for old Labour ideologues.

SHOP WINDOW WIPERS

The rain it raineth every day, upon the just and unjust shopper

The forecast for the high street is wet and windy, with continuous showers and heavier outbreaks of pain in the balance sheet. Our Business Section today surveys the havoc that this weather is dropping on the retail trade. This summer's fashion may prescribe floating chiffon, short skirts and strappy high heels. But what the well-dressed woman actually feels like wearing is thermal underwear, waterproof tweeds and a mackintosh with fisherman's sou'-wester. Garden centres are swamped with unseasonal aquatic plants. Into each life some rain must fall — especially as an excuse for not gardening. Barbecue sets rust in the DIY centres. The travel industry predicts a switch from English cottage holidays to somewhere drier, like the Costa Brava or the Sahara.

Shopping and the weather usually follow a seasonal pattern. Super summer sales merge imperceptibly into special Christmas sales in August. But when shopping and the weather fall as wildly out of synchronisation as this year, it is impossible to put them together again. Fashion, garden equipment, holidays and other perishables are ordered from six months to a year in advance. To turn round lines in mid-season is as laborious for a big retailing business as it is for an aircraft carrier to reverse from full speed ahead. And when everybody suddenly wants winter goods in midsummer, a seller's market results. Prices go over the top. Individual entrepreneurs can make money selling umbrellas and plastic headcovers at railway stations. But the nation of bigger shopkeepers cannot keep pace with this perversity of the weather.

Perverse weather is not novel. Yesterday was St Swithin's day. The Bishop of Winchester and adviser of King Egbert of Wessex desired to be buried in the churchyard of the minster, where "the sweet rain of heaven might fall upon his grave". So when the monks thought that they would honour the saint by removing his body into the choir of the cathedral, it rained for 40 days from July 15 in protest. Since this superstition is dated by the Julian not the Gregorian calendar, its dates are as far out of synch as the summer weather. But a terrible summer also starts the plot and fixes the date of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Since Oberon and Titania quarrelled, midsummer has been nothing but storm, fog, rain and gale-force winds. "The nine men's morris is fill'd up with mud" is an early instance of this summer's constant rain stopping play.

Terrible summers in the past are cold comfort this summer, which has turned Britain into a country for those who like living in a carwash. Perhaps fashion magazines should include long-range weather forecasts as well as astrology. Having been drenched this year, retail buyers might lay in better all-year cover in future. And as soon as the sun shines, as it did even for St Swithin and Titania, down with the umbrellas and up with the parasols. Variety is the spice, even of British shopping and weather.

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Why Orangemen stand their ground

From Mr Alistair D. McConnachie

Sir, Your belief that the Orangemen should dissociate themselves from the murder of innocents by walking away from Drumcree (leading article, July 12; see also letters, same day) would, on the contrary, implicitly affirm that the Orangemen consider themselves implicated in these murders.

If the march is about maintaining a centuries-old culture then it has nothing to do with sectarian killing, and the Orangemen must make this clear by maintaining a presence of some kind at Drumcree until circumstances once again allow the expression of their unique folk culture.

Yours faithfully,
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July 13.

From Mr Lewis Stretch

Sir, Has it never occurred to our south of Watford-centred press that the intransigence of the Orange Order might be inspired by a lack of trust in the honesty of our similarly oriented political class — a lack of trust justified by the suggestion that the Quinn murders were directly caused by their protest at the Parades Commission's surrender to IRA-generated threats of violence?

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From Mr S. J. C. Fox

Sir, In reply to Mrs J. K. Yapp (letter, July 11), I do not think anyone seriously criticises Orangemen because they wear sashes and bowler hats. They are criticised for behaving badly. And why not?

Libby Purves's article (July 7) was not a sanctimonious criticism of the sober, law-abiding and loyal majority of Ulster Protestants. It was a valid criticism of the sanctimonious behaviour of people on both sides of the divide who ostentatiously profess religious conviction and then use that conviction as a good excuse for bad behaviour.

For too long anyone who can claim religious reasons for their misdeeds has been treated with kid gloves under the pretext that the rest of us "don't understand" the sincerity and depth of their conviction. I think that few people now believe that the convictions have any merit and are no longer prepared to tolerate them.

Yours faithfully,
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July 12.

From Mr Denis P. McAteer

Sir, In the light of the intransigence of the Portadown Orangemen and the tragic deaths of the three young boys, are not the residents of the Garvaghy Road presented with an ideal opportunity for reconciliation?

Why don't they invite the Orangemen to join with them and parade silently down the Garvachy Road next weekend as a token of their mutual sadness and condemnation of the killings? Both parties would to an extent save face and achieve their aims but in the context of a present-day disaster and on a non-contentious date.

Your faithfully
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From Lady Garthwaite

Sir, If those guilty of the murder of the three Quinn children in Northern Ireland are convicted, will they be "political prisoners"? And, if so, will they be treated rather better than "ordinary" brutal, mindless murderers, and released early?

Yours faithfully,
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July 14.

EU presidency

From the Ambassador of Austria

Sir, The notion that Austria might use its presidency of the EU to impose a tax regime on Europe to the specific detriment of the City of London (article, "Europe's tax Anschluss", July 9) is ridiculous. Nobody questions Anatole Kaletsky's right to criticise decisions made by the European Union, but he most certainly does not have the right to question the democratic legitimacy of Austrian politicians or to accuse them of acting as proxy for other governments.

The long-term plan for harmonisation of taxation as a corollary to the single market and EMU is already part of the treaty. The Economic and Financial Council (Ecofin) decided unanimously in December 1997 on a work programme which is now passed on to the next presidency. That this happens to be Austria is purely accidental.

By the way, it will be Finland and not France succeeding Germany in the rotation of the presidency.

Yours etc,
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July 9.

BA finds it is 'not bad to be British'

From Lord Wedgwood

Sir, I was delighted to read that British Airways, in response to criticism of the ethnic designs recently added to the tail fins of some of its aircraft, is considering "flying the flag" again (report, Business, July 15).

I travel to many countries as international spokesman for a well-known British manufacturer and I am also proud to "carry the flag". I see any positive response from BA as a possible turning point in "strikes" against tradition and the Establishment, which are very damaging to our combined efforts as a successful exporting nation.

The proposed alliance between BA and American Airlines (reports, Business, July 9) will give us the choice of British or American style. This may only apply to transatlantic customers, but I believe BA will discover that, overall, its passengers, including Americans, think it is not bad to be British.

Yours sincerely,
WEDGWOOD,
House of Lords.
July 15.

From Ms Brenda Khanfer

Sir, A year ago (June 13, 1997) you published my letter of concern that British Airways had approved the ethnic art designs on the tail fins of its planes.

I am heartened to read that American Airlines' executives agree with my comments of last year that the designs could damage business. It is also encouraging to have my words referring to "this ridiculous facelift" now used by a BA director, who has described the designs as "looking ridiculous".

Perhaps a lesson can be learnt from this fiasco and in future BA will tread very cautiously before parting with millions of pounds to so-called branding and marketing executives who obviously did not do their homework before dismissing the traditional BA crest as old-fashioned and too nationalistic.

Yours faithfully,
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Sandhurst Road,
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July 13.

Time for family-friendly workplace

From Ms Camilla Palmer

Sir, It is encouraging to see Lord Irvine of Lairg, as well as other government ministers, acknowledging the adverse effects of the "macho" working culture (report, July 10). Working hours in the UK are longer than in any other European country. Every week there are stories of employees, mainly women, giving up their jobs because of long hours and associated stress, and the effect these have on family life. This culture is in no one's interests, employees', employers' or children's.

The question is, what will the Government do about employers who see "normal" hours as a sign of lack of commitment? For all its professed attachment to family-friendly working, it has yet to come forward with any positive proposals to reduce hours to an acceptable level. The Working Time Directive covers only working hours in excess of 48 hours per week; this figure should be 35 for everyone, save for exceptional circumstances.

At present the law on working hours is complex and misunderstood. The Sex Discrimination Act obliges employers to allow women to work "child-friendly" hours, provided the job can be done on that basis. The Part-time Work Directive, however, provides no such right.

The Government should use the implementation of the directive as an opportunity to provide a "right" for all parents to work child-friendly hours unless the employer can show that the job cannot be done on that basis. However, it would do well to start with setting a good example by putting its own House in order.

Yours sincerely,
CAMILLA PALMER
(Author, *Legal Rights to Child-Friendly Hours*, Maternity Alliance),
Bindman and Partners (solicitors),
275 Gray's Inn Road, WC1X 8QF.

Boundaries of justice

From the Home Secretary

Sir, You reported (July 8), in the context of a story about the future of the court circuit system, that the Government favoured a devolved criminal justice system in England and Wales. The administration of the court system is, of course, a matter for the Lord Chancellor. No decisions on the future of the circuit system have been made within Government, as your report rightly suggested.

We are, however, seeking — within a single, coherent, criminal justice system for England and Wales — coterminous boundaries where this is practicable, makes financial sense and serves the public better.

The Attorney-General has therefore recently announced a reorganisation of the Crown Prosecution Service (report and article, June 2) to align it with 42 police area boundaries. I have just announced the redrawing of the Metropolitan Police boundaries to align them with those of the Greater London area and I am looking closely at similar regional/area arrangements for the prison and probation services. And the Lord Chancellor's policy is to promote a reduction in the number of magistrates' courts' committee areas, which will involve a greater alignment of these areas served by the CPS and the police.

Yours sincerely,
JACK STRAW,
Home Office,
50 Queen Anne's Gate, SW1H 9AT.
July 14.

Lloyd and Arnold

From Mr John C. Pearce

Sir, I hope, but do not expect, that Edward Pearce's efforts to secure a Prom performance of a George Lloyd symphony are successful (letter, July 13). His remarks about Radio 3 ring true for supporters of another composer appreciated by thousands of music lovers but for years effectively silenced by the BBC — Sir Malcolm Arnold.

Arnold's 75th birthday year in 1996 was marked at the Proms by a single performance of a suite from his film music for *The Sound Barrier*, a tribute so paltry as to be insulting.

Yours sincerely,
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July 13.

Radio 3 beat

From Mr Philip Battersby

Sir, For many years I have awoken to the sounds of Radio 3 and, despite Nicholas Kenyon's assurances (report, July 7; see interview, Arts, same day), the increased rhythmical agitation of my right foot convinces me that the station is dum-te-dumming down.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP BATTERSBY,
5 George Street,
Woburn, Bedfordshire MK17 9PX.
July 14.

Bismarck's politics

From Dr Nicolo Pipitone

Sir, Daniel Johnson (article, "Blood, iron and champagne", July 10) draws a well-balanced and critical sketch of Bismarck's political career. However, he fails to mention how Bismarck repeatedly thwarted any parliamentary attempt to curtail the king's powers, thus nipping in the bud the parliament's authority.

I believe it was this baneful anti-parliamentary approach, more than any iron and blood bombast, that hampered democratic development in Germany, which, after all, had the largest social democratic party in Europe before 1914.

Yours faithfully,
NICOLO PIPITONE,
507 Hackney Road, E2 9ED.
July 12.

Labour's fate

From Mr Daljit Sehbai

Sir, I disagree with Peter Riddell, who says that the economy, not sleaze, will determine Labour's fate (Riddell on Politics, July 10). John Major's Government lost the election in spite of the fact that the economy in 1997 was in a good shape. It certainly was sleaze that sealed its fate.

Yours faithfully,
DALJIT SEHBAI,
Reform Club,
104 Pall Mall, SE1Y 5EW.
July 10.

Abbey statues

From the Reverend Courtney Atkin

Sir, Now that the authorities at Westminster Abbey have so signally enhanced the exterior by the introduction of dignified and worthy memorials to martyrs of our century (report, July 9), may we hope that they will go one step further and enhance the interior of the abbey by the removal of its accretion of undignified memorials to so many of the nonentities of previous centuries.

I am, Sir, yours etc,
COURTNEY ATKIN,
26 Queen's Court,
Ledbury, Herefordshire HR8 2AL.
July 9.

Biblical origins

From Mr Roger Green

Sir, Is it not curious that, after much research, scientists have concluded that the Jewish priestly caste goes back only as far as Exodus (report, July 9), when everybody else goes back to Genesis?

Yours faithfully,
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Degrees of change for universities

From Professor Sir Graham Hills

Sir, The recent game of ping-pong between the Commons and the Lords concerning tuition fees at Scottish universities (latest report, July 15) has, I believe, been concentrating on the wrong issue. As long as it takes four years in Scotland, but only three in England, to qualify for the first degree there is bound to be a mismatch somewhere.

The obvious way out of the dilemma would be for Scotland to abandon its four-year degree programmes in favour of something better. That better alternative would be for all undergraduates in Scotland, and the rest of the United Kingdom, to take an initial three-year unclassified first degree (in line with all other countries) as the normal precursor to employment or to further professional study. The minority could then continue to receive further proper professional and research training instead of skimping these activities, as happens now, with results plain to see.

It has been evident for decades that the honours degree is a British anachronism, being too specialised, too narrow and too difficult for the majority desiring a rounded education, and wholly inadequate for those who do intend to specialise.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM HILLS,
2 Holm Burn Place,
Inverness IV1 2WT.
July 15.

Education funding

From Mr David Leighton

Sir, Mr Stephen Byers (letter, July 11) refers to the Government's fair-funding proposals, which school governors are being invited to study. The consultation document is sub-headed "Improving delegation to schools". Improvement is by definition a worthy aim, but is by no means necessarily the same as increasing.

Head teachers are appointed largely on the strength of their demonstrated skill in the classroom and their ability to inspire their colleagues. Some, especially in smaller schools, will see further financial responsibility as a distraction from their area of expertise and interest. Other professions, such as purchasing officer, insurance agent or catering contractor, may operate expertly from a local authority, thus allowing the all-too-rare skills of the good teacher to benefit pupils directly. Debate should take this into account.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID LEIGHTON
(Chairman of Governors,
Robert Sandilands Primary School and Nursery, Newbury),
12 Donnington Square,
Newbury, Berkshire RG14 1PJ.
July 12.

Life skills

From Mrs Verney Sergeant

Sir, Once again it is school report time and, as grandparents, we are particularly gratified to note that our six-year-old grandson has improved his "scissor skills". We presume this will open up all sorts of career possibilities — a decorator perhaps, or a surgeon?

However, the fact that in "science" he was able to select a material most suitable for stuffing a bear, and in "history" was able to place teddy bears on "a time line in correct chronological order" (whatever that means), has somewhat taxed our imagination. How will his future life be enriched by such skills?

Yours sincerely,
VERNEY SERGEANT,
70 Ravenswood Drive,
Solihull, West Midlands B91 3LP.
July 14.

Male order

From Mrs Jenet Peers

Sir, I read with interest the report (July 10, later editions) concerning the donor sperm bought over the Internet for use by a lesbian couple.

I, too, have recently bought something using the Internet. I needed a new part for our barbecue. Not finding a supplier in this country I found a site in the US, searched for the model required on their Web page using the photographs displayed, keyed in my details and paid by credit card.

The part arrived a week later and will no doubt add greatly to my family's pleasure.

But a baby?

Yours faithfully,
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July 11.

Sunny outlook?

From Mrs Joan Dallimore

Sir, On this St Swithin's Day, have you noticed that the more miserable the weather forecast of late, the broader the smiles on the faces of the TV presenters?

Yours faithfully,
JOAN DALLIMORE,
31 Manor Road,
East Preston, West Sussex BN16 1QA.
July 15.

Compiled by Deborah King.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 15: The Hon Jeffrey Kennett (Premier of Victoria) was received by The Queen today.

His Excellency Monsieur Jean Gueguinou was received in farewell audience by Her Majesty and took leave upon relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador from the French Republic to the Court of St James's.

The following were received in audience by the Queen and kissed hands upon their appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassadors: Mr Andrew Caie (the Republic of Guatemala), Mr Andrew George (the Republic of Paraguay), Mr Graham Hand (the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina), Mr Graeme Loten (the Republic of Rwanda), Mr Stephen Nash (the Republic of Albania) and Mr David Fall (the Socialist Republic of Vietnam).

Mrs Caie, Mrs George, Mrs Hand, Mrs Nash and Mrs Fall were also received by The Queen.

The Rt Hon Tony Blair MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President, City and Guilds of London Institute, this morning presented the 1998 City and Guilds Prince Philip Medal and Silver and Bronze Medals at Buckingham Palace and afterwards attended a Lunch at the Connaught Hotel, Mayfair, London.

CLARENCE HOUSE
July 15: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was entertained to Luncheon by the President (General Sir Michael Rose) and Members of the Special Forces Club.

The Hon Mrs Rhodes was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 15: The Prince of Wales received the Hon Jeffrey Kennett (Premier of Victoria) this morning.

His Royal Highness, Honorary Member of the Friends of Mount Athos, today attended a Reception at St James's Palace to celebrate the publication of a new history of the Monastery of Vatopedi.

The Prince of Wales this evening attended a Dinner at Coutts and Company, Strand, London.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 15: The Princess Royal, Commandant-in-Chief, Cadets, St John Ambulance, this evening attended a Youth "Care in the Community" Reception at Buckingham Palace.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 15: The Duke of Gloucester was received by the State President of the People's Republic of China at Zhongnanhai this morning.

Afterwards His Royal Highness visited the British designed energy efficiency housing project, Beijing.

The Duchess of Gloucester visited the Beijing Fortune Training School for Mentally Retarded Children, Chaoyang District.

Later The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester attended a Lunch at the British Embassy given by Her Majesty's Ambassador to the People's Republic of China (His Excellency Mr Anthony Galsworthy) and Mrs Galsworthy for people from the arts and cultural fields.

This afternoon Their Royal Highnesses visited Prince Gong's Mansion and were subsequently shown part of the hutong conservation project in Houhai.

This evening The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester attended a Reception given for Chevening scholars at the British Embassy.

Their Royal Highnesses later attended a Dinner given by the British Chamber of Commerce at the Zhengyici Theatre, Beijing, as part of the Britain in China Campaign.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 15: The Duke of Kent today visited West Yorkshire and was received by the Vice Lord-Lieutenant (Mr David Fearnley).

His Royal Highness, Vice Chairman, British Overseas Trade Board, this morning presented The Queen's Award to Industry to John Horsfall and Sons (Greetland) Limited, West Vale Works, Greetland, Halifax.

The Duke of Kent this afternoon opened Carrington Wire's new factory at Lowfields Way, Lowfields Business Park, Elland, Halifax.

His Royal Highness later visited Schwitzer (Europe) Limited, Roydsdale Way, Euroway Industrial Estate, Bradford.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
July 15: Princess Alexandra, Colonel-in-Chief, this afternoon visited The King's Own Royal Border Regiment at Carlisle Castle, Cumbria, and presented Nato medals for service in the former Republic of Yugoslavia.

Her Royal Highness later opened the new Armitt Library and Museum Centre in Rydal Road, Ambleside, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Cumbria (Mr James Cropper).

Royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Colonel-in-Chief, will attend the annual Intelligence Corps Officers' dinner at the Defence Intelligence and Security Centre, Bedfordshire, at 5.00.

The Prince of Wales will undertake engagements in Gravesend and Faversham.

The Princess Royal as patron, Sense, will open new workshops at Units 57 and 70 Percy Business Park, Oldbury, West Midlands, at 10.40; will present the *Birmingham Post* Business Awards at the International Convention Centre, Birmingham, at noon; as patron, Sense, will visit a group home at Pocklington Health, 58 Featherstone Road, Kings Heath, at 2.40, and will visit a shop at 179-181 Church Road, Yardley, at 3.55.

Princess Alexandra, as president, will attend a reception at the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, 44 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2, at 5.00.

Birthdays today

The Earl of Albemarle, 33; the Ven George Austin, Archdeacon of York, 67; Dr Anita Brookner, author and art historian, 70; Sir George Bull, chairman, Diageo, 62; Mrs Margaret Court, tennis player, 56; Mr Alan Donnelly, MEP, 41; Mr Frank Field, MP, 56; Professor Sir Hugh Ford, FRS, mechanical engineer, 85; Sir John Freeland, QC, former legal adviser, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, 71; Mr W.B. Howard, former deputy chairman, Marks and Spencer, 72; Miss Shirley Hughes, author and illustrator, 71; the Ven Dr Harold Lockley, former Archdeacon of Loughborough, 82; Mr Thomas Megahy, MEP, 69; Mr Edward Miller, FBA, former Master, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, 83; the Right Rev John Nicholls, Bishop of Sheffield, 55; Lord Prentice, 75; Professor Sir Philip Randle, FRS, biochemist, 72; General Bernard Rogers, former Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, 77; Mr T.G. Rosenthal, publisher, 63; Mr J.J. Warr, former president, MCC, 71; Miss Diana Warwick, chief executive, Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, 53; Lord Westbury, 76; Sir George Young, MP, 57; Mr Pinchas Zukerman, violinist, 50.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.C. Davis
and Miss P.J. McGregor
The engagement is announced between Jeremy Charles, son of Mrs Leslè Davis and the late Mr Peter Davis, of Umhlali, South Africa, and Philippa Jean, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Duncan McGregor, of Hertfordshire, formerly Scottburgh, South Africa.

Mr I.F. Morgan
and Miss N.G. Saunders
The engagement is announced between Iain, younger son of Mr and Mrs David Morgan, of Harlow, Essex, and Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen Saunders, of Ashford, Kent.

Mr A.L. Robinson
and Miss S.R. Jones
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Kendrick Robinson, of Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, and Susan, daughter of the Revd Canon and Mrs Glyn Jones, of Grays, Essex.

Mr A. Stewart
and Miss J. Marks
The engagement is announced between Arthur, son of Mr and Mrs Arthur Stewart, of Whiterock, Killinchy, Northern Ireland, and Joanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Marks, of London.

Mr J.R. Woolgar
and Miss A.J. King
The engagement is announced between Julian, son of Mrs David Seymour, of Brookmans Park, and Mr John Woolgar, of Wonersh, and Alison, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John King, of Hove.

Mr A.A. Zein
and Miss G. Wilson
The engagement is announced between Andrew Zein, eldest son of Mrs Christopher Porter, of Chiswick, London, and Gaby, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Wilson, of Oxfordshire.

The University of Kent at Canterbury

At The University of Kent at Canterbury's Degree Congregations held in Canterbury Cathedral on July 14 and 15, 1998, the Chancellor of the University, Sir Crispin Tickell, GCMG, KCVO, and the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Robin Sibson, awarded degrees to 2,017 undergraduate and postgraduate students of the University. Honorary degrees were conferred upon Mr Nicholas Baring, former Chairman of Commercial Union plc, (DCL); Sir James Colyer-Fergusson, Bt, (DCL); Mr Tony Girling, former President of The Law Society, (LLD); the Most Rev David Gitari, Archbishop of Kenya, (DD); the Right Rev Dr Samir Kafity, Bishop in Jerusalem, (DD); Dame Bridget Ogilvie, Director of Wellcome Trust, (DSc); Lord Putnam, film producer, (DLitt); and Sir David Williamson, CB, former Secretary-General of the European Commission, (DCL).

Luncheons

The Royal Automobile Club
Mr Brian McGivern, Chairman, presided at the annual luncheon for the Senior One Hundred members of The Royal Automobile Club, which was held in the Clubhouse yesterday.

Captain William Taylor-Whitehead, who joined the RAC in 1939, responded to the toast to the Senior One Hundred, proposed by Mr McGivern.

Glovers' Company
Mr Manny Silverman, Master of the Glovers' Company, presided at a luncheon held yesterday on board *HQS Wellington*. During the luncheon the Master presented Golden Glovers certificates, in recognition of 50 years service to the glove industry, to Past Master Stephen Kirsch and Mr Peter Kirsch, Past Master Ivor Spry, Past Assistant Dr J.G. Bennett and Liveryman Mrs Cornelia James.

The Masters and Clerks of the Bakers', Barber Surgeons' and Master Mariners' Companies were among those present.

BRENTON EDWARDS



Peter Selley, in charge of today's English Literature and History sale at Sotheby's, New Bond Street, comes under the spell of a first edition of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. This copy of the best known Sherlock Holmes story, complete with original dust jacket, is expected to sell for £30,000

Bowyers' Company

The following have been installed officers of the Bowyers' Company for the ensuing two years:
Master, Mr Peter Forrester; Upper Warden, Mr John Burnett; Renter Warden, Mr Clive Arding; Deputy Master, Mr Peter Begent.

Chartered Architects

The following have been elected officers of the Company of Chartered Architects for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr John Penton; Upper Warden, Professor Peter Dale; Renter Warden, Lady Stewart; Junior Warden, Mr Michael West.

Reception

The Alan and Sheila Diamond Charitable Trust
The Israeli Ambassador and Mrs Zeigerman were present at a reception, sponsored by the Alan and Sheila Diamond Charitable Trust, to mark Israel's 50th anniversary, held yesterday in Speaker's House, by permission of the Speaker. Members of both Houses of Parliament attended.

University news

Bath
John Le Carré, the writer, David Hempleman-Adams, the explorer, and Lord Simon of Highbury and Sir Derek Birkin, the industrialists, have received honorary degrees. Lord Tugendhat has been elected Chancellor, in succession to Sir Denys Henderson.

Dinners

HM Government
Lord Clinton-Davis, Minister for Trade, was the host at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Government last night at Lancaster House in honour of ECGD's Export Guarantees Advisory Council.

Basketmakers' Company
Mr D.W. Imrie-Brown, Prime Warden of the Basketmakers' Company, presided at a court dinner held last night at Skinners' Hall and presented bursaries to five student basketmakers. Mr W.H. Huntley was the principal guest.

United Oxford & Cambridge University Club
Sir Nicholas Scott was the principal speaker at a dinner of the United Oxford & Cambridge University Club held yesterday at the club house. Mr Bruce Williams, chairman, presided. Lieutenant-General Scott Grant, Commandant of the Royal College of Defence Studies, also spoke.

Mr Leslie Page
Members of the Institute of Barristers' Clerks, his friends and colleagues, held a dinner on Wednesday evening in the Committee Room of the Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall, to mark the early retirement of Mr Leslie Page after 42 years of unbroken service as Clerk to the Chambers of Miss Elizabeth Appleby, QC, and Mr Michael Beloff, QC, formerly 3 Temple Gardens and later at Gray's Inn Chambers and now 4/5 Gray's Inn Square.

Legal appointments

Mrs Patricia Ann Delley and Mr John Michael Thomas Rogers, QC, to be Circuit Judges, on the Midland and Oxford, and Wales and Chester Circuit respectively.

Anniversaries today

BIRTHS:
Joseph Wilton, sculptor, London, 1722; Sir Joshua Reynolds, 1st President of the Royal Academy 1768-92, Plympton, Devon, 1723; Giuseppe Piazzi, astronomer, Valtellina, 1746; Jean Baptiste Corot, painter, Paris, 1796; Mary Baker Eddy, founder of the Church of Christ Scientist, Bow, New Hampshire, 1821; Otto Jespersen, authority on English grammar, Randers, Denmark, 1860; the Rev James Owen Hannay (George Birmingham), novelist, Belfast, 1865; Roald Amundsen, Polar explorer, first man to reach the South Pole (December 1911), Oslo, 1872; Trygve Lie, 1st Secretary-General of the UN 1946-52, Oslo, 1896.

DEATHS:
Anne Askewe, Protestant martyr, burnt at the stake, London, 1546; Anne of Cleves, 4th wife of King Henry VIII, London, 1557; Elijah Fenton, poet, East Hampstead, Berkshire, 1730; Thomas Yalden, poet, London, 1736; Josiah Spode, potter, Penkhull, Staffordshire, 1827; Edmond de Goncourt, writer, Champrosay, France, 1896; Hilaire Belloc, writer, Guildford, 1953; Herbert von Karajan, conductor, near Salzburg, 1989.

Reinforced concrete was patented by Joseph Monier of Paris, 1867.

Nicholas II, Tsar of Russia, and his family were murdered by the Bolsheviks at Ekaterinburg, 1918.

The first atomic bomb was exploded at Los Alamos, New Mexico, 1945.

The Mont Blanc road tunnel opened, 1965.

Memorial services

Maureen Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava

Prince and Princess Michael of Kent were represented by Mrs Julian Fellowes at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Maureen Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava held yesterday at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey. Canon Donald Gray officiated, assisted by the Rev Roger Holloway.

Mrs Julian Sands, granddaughter, read from the works of John Betjeman and the Earl of Dudley read his own poem, *Guinness was good for us*. Lord St John of Fawsley gave an address. The Rev A.T. John Salter was robed and seated in the sanctuary.

Among others present were:
Miss Ivana Lowell (granddaughter), the Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava, Mr Julian Sands, the Hon Gareth Browne, the Earl of Iveagh, the Countess of Iveagh, the Hon Rory Guinness, Mr Tyrone Plunket, Miss Loelia Plunket, Mr Gay Kindersley, Mrs M D D Kindersley, Mr Robin Kindersley, Mr Kim Kindersley, Miss Tania Kindersley, Lady Kindersley, the Marchioness of Huntly, Mr and Mrs Gilbert McNeill-Moss, Viscount Boyd of Merton, Lord Moyne.

Mary Duchess of Roxburghe, the Marquess of Douro, the Marquess of Normanby, the Earl of Arran, the Countess of Dudley, the Earl and Countess of Gowrie, the Countess of Lichfield, the Earl of Longford, KG, and the Countess of Longford, Lady Charles Cecil, Lord Crathorne, His Honour Lord Dunboyne, Lord Grantley, Lord and Lady Keivedon, Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, Lady Hillingdon, Baroness Rawlings.

Lady Elizabeth Clyde, Lady Elizabeth Anson, Lady Juliet Townsend, the Hon Dominic Lawson, the Hon Leander Ward, the Hon Mrs F F B Morgan, the Hon Gerard and Mrs Noel, the Hon Lady Smith-Ryland, Sir Tobias Clarke, Lady Jessel, Sir Reresby and Lady Sitwell, Lady Eyre, Sir Guy and Lady Millard, Sir John and Lady Owen, Lady Bowker, Lady Hornby.

Mr James and Lady Emma Barnard, Mr Christopher and Lady Mary Gaye Shaw, the Duca di Carcaci and Lady Charlotte de Carcaci, the Very Rev Joel and the Hon Mrs Pugh, Mr and the Hon Mrs A T White, Mr Richard Panton Corbett and Dame Antoinette Sibley, Princess Marianne zu Sayn-Wittgenstein-Sayn, Princess George Galitzine, Le Comte de Cesira.

Mr Richard Allen, Mr Mark Amory, Mr Christopher Balfour, Mr Derek Banks, Mrs L Barden, Mr and Mrs Detmar Blow, Mr Mark Brockbank, Squadron Leader J K Bird, Mr Harry Buchanan, Major and Mrs Desmond Buchanan, Mr Charles Burnett-Nugent, Mr David Charlesworth, Mr John Chetwynd, Mrs Minnie Churchill, Mr Richard Compton Miller, Miss Pandora Cooper-Key, Mr G O Cowper-Coles.

Mr Robert de Stacpoole, Mr and Mrs Ludovic de Walden, Ms Maria Andrade, Mr and Mrs Randoll Coate, Mr and Mrs Timothy Elwes, Mr and Mrs William Fairchild, Mr Nicholas Garrett, Mr Christopher Gibbs, Mrs Mary Graham, Mr John Graham, Miss Isobel Gretton, Mrs Marit Guinness Aschan, Mr C E Guinness, Mr Charles Harding, Mr Kenneth Harington, Mr Michael Harington, Mr Dominick Harrod, Mr Nicholas Haslam, Mr Clifford Henderson, Mr David Ker, Mrs Dick Ker, Mr and Mrs George Lane, Mrs Derek Lawson, Mr Tara Lewis, Mr D Lewis, Dr and Mrs J F Lilburn Watson, Mrs Peter Cazalet.

Mr Mark Littman, QC, and Mrs Littman, Mr M A F Lyndon-Stanford, QC, Mr Michael Mander, Mr R A Marston, Mr and Mrs Donald Martin-Betts, Ms Anne Massingberd-Mundy, Mr Matthew Miller, Mrs Roderic More O'Ferrall, Mr Michael Morison, Mr Kenneth Neame, Mr and Mrs S T O'Neill, Mrs L Parkes, Commander F N Ponsonby, Mr and Mrs John Profumo, Mr Sean Rafferty, Major S M Reynolds, Mrs Sally Robinson, Mr Wilson Rockefeller, Mr Gilbert Rodway, QC, Mr Ned Ryan, Mr John Ryman, Dr Martin Scurr.

Mr Ned Sherrin, Mr Benjamin Shaw, Mr and Mrs A J M Teacher, Mr Hugo Vickers, Mr Claus von Bulow, Mrs Charles Vyvyan, Mr Nicholas Ward-Jackson, Mr Simon M A Wardc, Miss Melissa Wyndham, Mr Michael Wynne-Parker, Miss Geraldine Fitzgerald, Mr John Ball (chief executive, the Horder Centre for Arthritis) and many other friends.

Mr Michael Kempster, QC

A memorial service for Mr Michael Kempster, QC, was held yesterday in the Temple Church, EC4. Canon Joseph Robinson, Master of the Temple, officiated.

His Honour Arthur Mildon, QC, read *The Apology of Socrates*, Mr Timothy Kempster, son, read from John Bunyan's *The Pilgrim's Progress*, and Mr Toby Kempster, son read *Memories of Early Days* by Lord Grey of Fallodon. Sir Charles Mantell gave an address.

Among others present were:
Mrs Kempster (widow), Mrs Cortez Cooper (daughter), Mr and Mrs Graham Smibert (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs Timothy Kempster and Mrs Toby Kempster (daughters-in-law) and many other friends and former colleagues.

Latest wills

Professor Carel Victor Morlais **Weight**, RA, artist, Professor Emeritus since 1973, Senior Fellow since 1984, Royal College of Art, of London SW18, left estate valued at £870,222 net.
He left a selection of pictures to the Royal Academy of Arts.

David **Manners**, company director, of Hunstanworth, Blanchland, Co Durham, left estate valued at £2,659,673 net.

Roland Frederick **Schicht**, of Farnham, Blandford Forum, Dorset, left estate valued at £2,095,175 net.

Julius **Silman**, of Corsham, Wiltshire, left estate valued at £2,881,137 net.
He left £20,000 each to British Friends of Neve Shalom/Wahat el Salam, London NW7, Jewish Care and the British Organisation for Rehabilitation and Training; £5,000 each to John Grooms, Barnardos, National Society for Mentally Handicapped Children, Nightingale House Home for the Aged, and Central British Fund for World Jewish Relief; £2,500 to Shelter and to the Leonard Cheshire Foundation; £2,000 each to Salvation Army, Bristol Hebrew Congregation, and Bristol Progressive Synagogue.

Audrey **Bailly**, of Edgerton, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, left estate valued at £537,032 net.

Helen Margaret **Boyd**, of London NW8, left estate valued at £610,120 net.
She left £5,000 each to RSPCA, Canine Defence League and World Society for the Protection of Animals.

Amalie **Burger**, of London NW11, left estate valued at £550,166 net.
She left £3,000 to Leo Baeck (London) Women's Lodge Trust and £800 to British Technion Society.

Margaret Palmyre Mary **Carver**, of Middlehill, Box, Wiltshire, left estate valued at £514,798 net.

Gwendoline Ella **Charles**, of Lymington, Hampshire, left estate valued at £800,670 net.

Gordon Eric **Clarke**, of Frankley, Birmingham, left estate valued at £544,740 net.

Marjorie Frances **Crick**, of Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, left estate valued at £512,955 net.
She left £1,000 to the Sue Ryder Home and to the Parkinson's Disease Society; £500 each to Distressed Gentlefolk's Aid Association, Friends of Peterborough Cathedral, RNLI, British Heart Foundation and Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

Betty **Dawson**, of Cleveleys, Lancashire, left estate valued at £904,151 net.

Joseph **Daykin**, of Evercreech, Somerset, left estate valued at £590,415 net.

Gerveys Roderick **Dew**, of London SW1, left estate valued at £563,195 net.

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BOTTOMLEY - On July 15th 1998 at Guy's to Nieves (de Vicente Carnicero) and Henry, a son (James Jorge) a brother for Edward.

CHAPMAN - On July 13th to Cressida (née Fitch) and Huw, a son, Oscar Thomas Ludovic, a brother for Freddie, Dorothy and William.

CHEESE-PROBERT - On July 6th at The Portland Hospital to Helen and Nicholas, a son, William John, a brother for Henry and James.

CRAWLEY - On 7th July 1998, in Harare, to Lucy (née Peppiatt) and Nick, a son, Jean Daniel Peppiatt, a brother for Seth, Harry and Roscoe.

DAVID - On Wednesday 1st July 1998 in Singapore to Martin and Alison (née Sherwin), a beautiful daughter, Brianna Charlotte.

DUNN - Shirley and Laurence are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Calum James Fraser, on the 18th June, at The Queen Mothers Hospital in Glasgow.

FRATER - On 12th July 1998, to Anne (née Coveney) and Andrew, a son, William Quinn Patrick.

BIRTHS

FURMANS - On 10th July to Stefanie (née Schaefer), and Michael, a beautiful daughter Annica.

GARDINER-HILL - On 7th July 1998, to Caroline (née Russell) and David, a son, Hugh Alexander, a brother for Charlie and Marcus.

HOPSON - On July 14th to Chris Hopson and Charlotte Cascoigne, a son, Matthew James.

KONG - On July 10th 1998, to Nicola (née Riley) and David at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, a son, Felix William, brother for Oliver Samford.

KVERNDAL - On 10th July 1998 to Sophie (née Rowsell) and Simon, a son, Thor William.

MARTIN - Born 12th July to Angela & Matthew. Son Thomas Edward & brother for Harriet.

McALPINE - On Wednesday 15th July to Claire (née Hodgson) and Andrew William, twin boys, brothers for Freddie and Fergus.

MURRAY - On 5th July 1998 to Janet (née Reeves) and James, a son, Benjamin James Charles, a brother for James.

PACKER - On 25th June to Helen (née Adams) and Martin at The John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, a daughter, Imogen Miranda.

PARKER HUMPHREYS - On July 12th to Maria and Stephen, a son Edward William, a brother for Jessica.

PRADHER - On July 3rd 1998, to Alexandra (née Hutton-Wilson) and Serge, a daughter, Olivia Ann Marguerite.

STEWART - On July 12th at The Portland Hospital to Trina (née Chesterman) and Mark, a daughter, Gabriella, a sister for Georgina.

TRIGG - on Monday 6th July 1998 to Sally (née Kite) and Michael, a daughter, Amy Rose. Thanks to the staff of Pembury Hospital.

WHITE-SPUNNER - On 6th July to Moo (née Faulkner) and Barney, a daughter, Elizabeth Florence.

WOODCOCK - On 12th July, at St Johns, Chelmsford, to Susan and Mark a beautiful son, James Charles, a brother for Matthew.

DEATHS

BARRETT - Phyl (née Talkington) died peacefully on July 13th, funeral July 20th 10am, St Mary's Church, Llanfair Waterdine. Service in her memory at All Saints Church, Freshwater, Isle Of Wight to be arr No flowers. Dona Sight Savers Inte al Enquiries to 0154 4.

BATES - Sir John Dawson Bart, M.C., on 12th July 1998 suddenly at home. Private Funeral. No flowers please but any donations to The Historic Churches Preservation Trust or The Prayer Book Society c/o Fersey and Son, 28 High Street, Butleigh, Glastonbury, Somerset. A Memorial Service will be held at St Leonard's Church, Butleigh on 19th September 1998 at 2.30 pm

DEATHS

COMPTON - Leonard Lloyd peacefully at The Royal Sussex County Hospital Brighton on Saturday 11th July 1998 after a short illness in his 87th year. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Service at Stoke Cemetery, Guildford Friday 17th July at 12 noon. Donations to Cancer Research or the British Heart Foundation c/o Robert Ayling Funeral Services 25 South Road, Guildford GU2 6NY.

COOK - Edwin aged 92. Died peacefully on 14th July at Astell, Cheltenham. Formerly of Reigate. Dearly loved husband of the late Mabyn. Father of Jennifer, grandfather of Sara. Service at Christchurch, Cheltenham 15pm Monday 20th July. flowers please. ntributions to R.A.F.A. it c/o Mason & Stokes, 54 Hewlett Road, Cheltenham. GL52 6AH.

DINGEE - Elliott Amerman. Tragically died on July 9th. He was born in New York City in 1973. He is survived by his children Michael, Suzanne, David and Peter. He was a much loved father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Funeral service on Monday July 20th at St Lukes Church, Grayshott, Surrey, at 3pm. Flowers to Gould & Chapman F.D. 01428-604436.

EMMITT - On July 13th in Winchester, Raymond Linskill Emmitt, aged 71 years. Beloved husband of Jenny and devoted father and grandfather. Funeral private. A Service of Thanksgiving will be announced later. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to The N.S.P.C.C. or Action Aid c/o Jno Steel & Son, Chesil House, 6 Chesil Street, Winchester.

EMRYS-EVANS - On 12th July, Florence Mary, beloved wife and helpmate of Stephen and much loved mother of Stephen Trefor and the late Stephanie Lisa. Cremation private. Any donations to the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund, c/o Seaton Leng & Son Ltd., 59a Bondgate, Darlington. DL3 7JR.

GLENDINNING - Lilian, suddenly on Monday 13th July 1998, aged 86. Dearly loved wife of Bobbie, mother of Aileen and Lorna, granny to Kerry, Kirsty, Ross and Emma and sister of Betty. She will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered by her family and friends. Funeral at Thornhill Parish Church, Thornhill, Dumfriesshire at 11.30am on Monday 20th July. Thanksgiving service at Holy Trinity Church, Penn, Buckinghamshire at 11.30am on Wednesday 22nd July. Flowers or donations to Barnardo's or Arthritis Research Campaign, c/o Arnold Funeral Service, 38 Oak End Way, Gerrards Cross, Bucks, SL9 8BR.

HENDERSON - M.D. James Marshall passed away peacefully on 9th July 1998, husband of Yvonne, father of Iain and Mair. Private funeral service.

ILES - Sqd Ldr Derek Stanton suddenly at home in Guernsey, 11th July. Most dearly loved husband of the late Biddy (née Oxenham). Devoted father of Caley, Terry, Sean and Mike and loving grandfather. Funeral 23rd July 2.00pm at St Andrews Parish Church, Guernsey, prior to private cremation. Flowers or donations in lieu to RSPB. Enquiries to Martel Funeral Directors 01481 44788.

JEFF - William John Francis T.D., on July 12th 1998 aged 85 years, of Stourbridge. Retired HMI. Funeral at St Thomas's Church Stourbridge on Monday July 20th at 1pm. Donations in lieu of flowers, for The British Diabetic Association c/o H Porter and Sons, 60 South Road, Stourbridge, DY8 3UJ.

KLEY - In hospital in Bogota, Columbia on 14th July. Peter Henry. Beloved husband of Maria-Christina, father of Alison and Paula and brother of Barbara.

LEE - Judy (née Spencer-Smith) on 14th July in her 81st year, dearly loved mother of Ann, James, Lindsey and Michael. Sadly missed by her 10 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

LETHBRIDGE - John Robert of 32 Farringdon Heights, Kingston 6, Jamaica on 12th July peacefully at home after a long and courageous fight against cancer. Formerly senior partner, Wallace Evans and Partners, Jamaica, and Senior Ports Advisor to the World Bank. Dearly loved by his wife Rosemary, sons Maurice, Richard and Adrian and daughter-in-law Holly. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at the University Chapel, The University of the West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica, on 16th July at 3.30pm. No flowers please but donations may be sent to The Jamaican Cancer Society, 16 Lady Musgrave Road, Kingston 8, Jamaica.

LOUGH - Durham suddenly on July 13th Muriel (née Barker) aged 84 years. Dearly loved wife of John (Retd. professor of French) and much loved mother of Judith. Funeral to take place on Monday 20th, would friends please meet for service and cremation at Durham Crematorium at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only please by request, donations in lieu if so desired, to Cancer Research.

MACLURE - Robert William Johnston, on 11th July 1998, aged 84 years, at home after a long illness. Funeral Service 21st July, 11.30 am at St George's, Aubrey Walk, Campden Hill, London, W.8. Memorial Service at St. Just-in-Roseland, 12th August. Donations to Marie Curie, or flowers to J. H. Kenyon, Tel: 0171 937 0757.

MEARES - On July 15th 1998, John Aubrey. Beloved husband of the late Eve and much loved father of Vanessa and Elizabeth, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral service on Thursday 23rd July at St Mary The Virgin Parish Church, Norton Sub Hamdon, Somerset at 3pm.

ROSSER/WATTS - The Funeral Service for Professor Rachel Rosser, wife of Vincent Watts, will take place at Ketteringham Parish Church, Norfolk, on Monday July 20th at 2.00pm. Family flowers only, but donations towards a fund to relieve suffering for victims of disasters, in Rachels memory, may be made payable to Peter Taylor Charity Account and sent C/O Peter Taylor Funeral Services 85 Unthank Road, Norwich, NR2 2PE.

SCOTT - On 11th July peacefully at home in Stratford-upon-Avon in his favourite armchair watching the rugby, Robert aged 82 years. All enquiries to A E Bennett and Sons. Tel: 01789 267035.

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SEHGAL - Sardari Lal on July 13th aged 73 years of High Heaton, Newcastle upon Tyne, owner of Visage Clothing and a prominent member of the community in Newcastle and India. He leaves behind his wife, Phulia, his sons Mukesh Kumar, Rakesh Kumar and Steven, and daughters Kiran and Ann and brothers Roshan Lal J.P., Jagiri Lal, Manohar Lal and Sohan Lal and all his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His Funeral will be held at Newcastle Crematorium on Friday July 17th at 4pm.

STRICKLAND - Monica Lucy Ann of Barton-le-Willows, Malton, North Yorkshire on 14th July. Peacefully in Malton Hospital in her 82nd year. Funeral service at Bossall Church, Near Harton at 12 noon on Monday 20th July. Flowers to Bryan Mills Greystones, Sand Hutton, York. May she rest in peace.

WHEATLEY - Doris formerly of Girton College and Cambridge Communication, died peacefully at home on July 14th. Friend for 60 years of Kay; loving mother of Joanna and Jacques, grandmother of Sarah, Victoria, Mark, and Rachel; great-grandmother of Christopher, Jennifer, and Rebecca. Cremation at Cambridge City Crematorium West Chapel on Monday July 20th at 11.15 am. Family flowers only please, but donations may be sent for Amnesty International c/o F W Cook Funeral Service 48 Church Street Willingham Cambridge CB4 5HS.

WIEHAHN - Bernard Eduard Elliott, FRIBA. Died peacefully 13th July after a valiant fight against illness. Always upright, loving, cheerful, friendly and generous he will be sadly missed by his many friends and devoted family. No flowers please but if desired donations to P.I.U. Unit, Watford General Hospital, Vicarage Road, Watford WD1 8HB which cared for him so well.

WIGLEY - Philip Wigley DSC RAF (Retd) on 12th July peacefully after a long illness. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium on Monday July 20th at 12 noon. Family request donations in lieu of flowers to Trinity Hospice who cared for him to be sent to D R Carr Funeral Directors, 42-44 Balham High Road, London SW12 9AQ.

WILLIS - Myrtle Violet died peacefully at home at Bullington, aged 88 on the 14th July. Funeral private at Bullington Church at 3.30 pm on Friday 17th July. Family flowers only and no letters please, but donations, if desired, to The Wessex Children Hospice Trust c/o Jno Steel & Son, Chesil House, 6 Chesil Street, Winchester, Hampshire.

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BERYL BRYDEN

Beryl Bryden, jazz singer and musician, died from cancer at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, on the 14th July aged 78. She was born on May 11, 1920.

Beryl Bryden was one of the true pioneers of postwar British jazz. A generously proportioned blonde with a vocal range to match her physique, she had a powerful and haunting voice which was supported by her spectacular skill on the washboard — a familiar trademark in all her appearances. For fifty years, she remained one of the most dynamic and colourful performers on the international jazz scene, counting among her admirers Louis Armstrong, Billie Holliday and Ella Fitzgerald, who called Bryden "Britain's Queen of the Blues".

Beryl Audrey Bryden was born in Norwich, the daughter of a commercial traveller for Cadbury's chocolate, Amos Wilfred Bertram Bryden, and his wife, Elsie Maud Jones. While still at Norwich High School, she bought her first jazz record, *Nagasaki*, by Albert Ammons' Rhythm Kings, and played it so constantly that her exasperated father threw it away. As a teenager, she became secretary of the local Norwich Rhythm Club, and first performed as an amateur singer with Cambridge Jazz Club's resident swing group.

In 1945 she moved to London, working in several musical instrument shops, and then for the Esquire and Melodisc jazz companies. Her professional debut with Britain's first traditional jazz band, George Webb's Dixielanders, was followed by appearances with Chris Barber, Humphrey Lyttelton and Freddie Randall and his Band, with whom she made her recording debut on September 18, 1948, with Nellie Lutcher's song, *Hurry On Down*.

In 1948, Bryden made her first BBC radio broadcast with her own jazz group, Beryl's Backroom Boys. By the 1950s, she was broadcasting, recording and appearing on television regularly. After her Paris debut in 1953 at the Club du Vieux Colombier, she was surprised to find herself the jazz sensation of France. She became a close friend of Billie Holiday, sang with Lionel Hampton at the Paris Olympia, and made her French recording debut in 1954 with the jazz pianist, Mary Lou Williams, with *Rock Me* and *Freight Train Blues*.



REDFERNS

Beryl Bryden photographed in April 1990: with her trademark washboard

In London, in July 1954, she participated in the greatest of all skiffle hits when she played her celebrated washboard to Lonnie Donegan's vocal and guitar, and Chris Barber's double bass, in *Rock Island Line*. It sold more than two million copies for Decca, who also released her *Young Woman Blues*, recorded in live concert at the Festival Hall in 1955, the year in which she also made an outstandingly successful concert and recording debut in Holland, a country where she retained immense popularity until the end of her life.

Appearances followed in Vienna, where she recorded *Mama Don't Allow It* with Lionel Hampton and Fatty George and his Band, and in Cologne, where in 1956 she recorded another major hit, *Doctor Jazz*. Always star-struck, even after she had attained stardom of her own, she was overjoyed, in May 1958, to be asked to record *Ma, He's Making Eyes At Me* as a duet with her childhood hero, the trumpeter Nat Gonella. In August 1961, Columbia released her most successful recording, *Gimme a Pigfoot and a Bottle of Beer*, which has become one of the century's all-time jazz classics. In 1962 the *Melody Maker* poll voted Bryden Britain's second most popular jazz singer (after Ottilie Patterson), and in 1963, she was chosen to open Hong Kong's luxurious new Mandarin Hotel with a three-week season.

A marathon tour of Africa in 1965 was followed by another hit, *Million Dollar Secret*, recorded in Amsterdam in 1967, by appearances in Prague and Warsaw, and by her New York debut in 1970. In 1971, with Graeme Bell's Jazz Band, she embarked on a highly successful tour of Australia. In 1973 she was made an honorary citizen of New Orleans and presented with the key of the city, and in 1975 she was voted Musician of the Year by the BBC Jazz Society. In Holland, the country where she achieved her greatest popularity, she was crowned "Queen of Jazz" in 1978.

Her charismatic performance in Jean-Christophe Averty's film, *The Story of the Original Dixieland Jazz Band*, won a Hollywood television award. After further successful tours of the Middle East and Gulf States in 1981, and Canada in 1984, she began a nationwide tour of Britain in June 1984 with Pete Allen's Band in the stage production, *Jazzin' Around*. Bryden's 70th birthday in May 1990 was celebrated with live recorded concerts at the Pizza on the Park and the Purcell Room at the Festival Hall. In the following year she was visibly moved by a nostalgic television reunion with Lonnie Donegan in his *This is Your Life*. Her final recording session, with Nat Gonella, took place at Wormerveer in Holland in March 1997. On June 6 of this year, Bryden made her farewell stage appearance at a club in Eindhoven, Holland. Knowing that she was seriously ill with cancer of the lymph glands, her close friend, the record producer Hugh Palmer, tried to dissuade her from going, but she refused to disappoint her Dutch fans, and bowed out with a characteristically spirited performance of *Basin Street Blues*.

In addition to her talent as a singer and musician, she was an accomplished photographer, whose camera captured many of the century's jazz legends in informal, off-stage moments. From these photographs she produced skilful charcoal and pencil sketches, which she used on her birthday calendars of "The Giants of Jazz". A diffident and unpretentious woman always, she was too modest to include herself, though she more than qualified.

She never married. She is survived by her half-brother, Ian Bryden, and by her stepmother, Mary Bryden.

HUMPHREY WELD

Lieutenant-Colonel Humphrey Weld, MC, Lord of the Manor of Chideock and former Commanding Officer of the Queen's Bays, died on June 24 aged 86. He was born on April 25, 1912.

A FINE example of the qualities of the old landed gentry, Humphrey Weld was a gallant soldier, a conscientious and humane landowner, and the upholder of the staunch Roman Catholic traditions of his family.

The Weld family has been established in Dorset since 1641, when the then Humphrey Weld bought the Lulworth estate. Humphrey Joseph Giles Weld was the great-great-grandson of the first Humphrey Weld of Chideock Manor. He was educated at Stonyhurst, then joined the Supplementary Reserve of Officers. He was commissioned into the Queen's Bays (2nd Dragoon Guards) in 1934.

After the ill-fated campaign in France in 1940, the Bays were re-equipped and sailed for the Middle East in September 1941. There, during the desert campaign, Weld — now a major — distinguished himself as a brave and skilful squadron leader. Taking command of B Squadron early in 1942, he took part in the prolonged battle of Gazala, the withdrawal to El Alamein and the battle of El Alamein itself. At 9.15pm on October 23, 1942, he commanded the leading tank of the leading squadron of the leading regiment to pass through both the Allied and German minefields. During this action he was wounded and was evacuated to hospital.



Weld: a keen horseman both in military and civilian life

His next major action was at the Mareth Line in March 1943, where he won the Military Cross. The citation includes these words: "Despite the fact that heavy anti-tank fire was coming from his right rear and was holding up the advance of the right hand regiment, he carried out his orders with cool leadership, sound tactical knowledge, faultless control and complete disregard of personal danger". He was wounded again during the advance to Tunis.

Re-equipped with Sherman tanks, the Bays embarked from Algiers for Italy, suffering grievous losses at the Gothic Line in September 1944. Weld felt deeply about these losses for the rest of his life.

After the war, Weld remained with the Bays at Palmanova in northern Italy from 1945 to 1947, when horses once more dominated sporting life. He played polo at Aiello, took an interest in the racing and went out with the 4th Hussars' pack of drag- hounds.

In 1948 he married Frances Mary Fraser, whose kindness, warmth and good humour alleviated what some might have thought his own austerity of manner.

In March 1950 Lieutenant-Colonel Weld took command of the Queen's Bays, then stationed at Fallingbostel in Germany. In his two and a half years in command he encouraged every form of sport (the regiment won the inter-regimental polo in 1950) and started a pack of drag-hounds, known as the Wessex Hunt, in which he frequently participated. After handing over command of the Bays in November 1952, Weld was appointed to command the Army Intelligence School, a job he did not greatly care for. His next appointment was much more to his taste: he became Colonel GS (Armoured) at the British Joint Services Mission in Washington. He was also British military attaché at the Embassy.

On retirement he became a JP and, for six seasons, joint master of the Seavington Hunt. He also took much pleasure in his small stable of high-class hunters, which frequently won at local point-to-points.

During his latter years Weld endured various ailments with courage and determination. He loved reading and seeing to the care of the Church of Our Lady and St Ignatius at Chideock. Conscious of his own good fortune, he always upheld the virtues of duty and service.

He is survived by his wife, son and three daughters.

MIROSLAV HOLUB

Miroslav Holub, Czech poet and scientist, died in Prague on July 14 aged 74. He was born in Pilsen on September 13, 1923.

THE life and work of Miroslav Holub formed a bridge between two cultures: one scientific, the other artistic. For much of his life, certainly until the so-called Velvet Revolution of 1989, he was better known in his native Czechoslovakia as a distinguished research scientist, a pioneering immunologist who happened also to write dense, elliptical poetry. But in the West, where any offering from behind the Iron Curtain had a kind of radical lustre, he was fêted as a poet who, in the words of his early champion A. Alvarez, has come to be read on both sides of the Atlantic "almost as if he was one of ours".

Holub had no difficulty in reconciling his dual pursuits, his two cultures. "I have a single goal but two ways to reach it," he said. "I never switch them — I apply them both in turn. Poetry and science form the basis of my experience."

Reading Holub's poetry can be a bit like wandering into a hall of mirrors: nothing appears as it should. He teases and tantalises between reality and illusion. His metaphors have a cool, technical precision, and his poems are studded with scientific words and phrases. His conceits, like those of John Donne whose cerebral irony he shares, are ingeniously elaborate — sometimes too elaborate. There is something clinical, anti-romantic in his work that makes his poetry easier to admire than love.

If never an active dissident, Holub was, like Milan Kundera, an ironic critic of the Czechoslovak state, using allegory and opaque reference to ridicule the absurdities of totalitarianism. In 1967, he wrote of returning home from the United States to find "darkness as when a whale swallows, not only the sun and the moon but also the enlightenment".

One of his best-known poems is *The corporal who killed Archimedes*, in which a hard-edged parable of Stalinism is filtered through a meditation on Greek drama. "Now in Syracuse/he heads a school of philosophers/squats on his halberd/for another thousand years/and writes: one two/one two/one two/one two." More politically explicit was *The Prague of Jan Palach*, a lament for the young student who burned himself alive in protest at the Soviet violation of the Prague Spring of 1968: "And it's all so simple where/ Man ends, the flame begins/ And in the ensuing silence can be heard the crumbling/of ash worms. For/those milliards of people, taken by and large/are keeping their traps shut."

The Prague of Jan Palach was originally published in Britain, after which Holub became an official "non-person" in his home country — discussion of his work was strictly forbidden. He received scant support from the Czech Writers' Union, which he had never joined; nor was he ever a member of the Communist Party. From 1970 to 1980 none of his poetry was published inside Czechosolovakia.

These were the years when he "wrote to the table", as the Russians used to call it, writing for a small underground audience who circulated his work in *samizdat* form. His *Collected Poems* did not appear in Czech until after the fall of Communism. During the period of his internal exile, Holub was all the time working quietly as an immunologist at the research institute in Prague, contributing scientific papers and essays to a range of journals.



Holub: bridged the "two cultures" of art and science

Miroslav Holub's father was a lawyer for the railways and his mother worked as a language teacher. In his unconventional memoir, *Supposed to Fly*, Holub recalls the long thrilling Sunday afternoon train journeys of his youth, journeys his parents paid for with "privileged" tickets. After the Second World War, he studied medicine at Charles University in Prague, and his first poems, notable for any absence of comment on the Communist takeover of 1948, began to appear in the early 1950s. He became widely known in the West when Penguin published, as part of its *Modern European Poets* series, his *Selected Poems* in 1967.

In person, Holub was a charged, restless, inexhaustible monologist, with a fondness for surreal humour. Ewald Osers, a close friend and translator of his work into English, has described his conversation as being "one continuous firework display". Holub felt a strong affinity with the British. "Of all the Slavonic nations we are the most sarcastic, realistic and self-critical," he said. "In that we are much closer to British psychology."

Holub disliked self-revelation and seldom gave away much about himself in interviews. His favourite poet was Homer, whom he wryly noted casts no biographical shadow. "When you give a scientific lecture or make a scientific paper," Holub once said, "there is no personal background given: no age, no numbers of girlfriends or wives or children. Nothing. So why should these be analysed in poetry?"

He is survived by his wife Jitka and their two teenage children.

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PARIS, JULY 15

Nothing could have been more commonplace and uninteresting than yesterday's fete. It was without character and without enthusiasm. The review could not have been worse managed. The routes of the Bois de Boulogne were closed for carriages, being the first time this course had been ventured upon. The stands were taken possession of by crowds long before the hour, and the greater number of those who should have had places on them were condemned to wander about on the grass. The march-past elicited very slight applause. There was little or no cheering except at the Cascade, where the whole Boulangist force had drawn up, and a policeman was in waiting for those who cried or hissed. The official illuminations were vulgar. Few people had come from the provinces, many Parisians had gone out of town. The fireworks were as destitute of taste and style as the E iffel Tower, from which they were discharged. The banquet of the majors was a colourless affair. The speech of M. Carnot was heard by those nearest him, but was lost on all the others. This is the brief and true summary of the day pompously called the "Fete Nationale." At 1 o'clock there were free performances at the Opera and certain theatres, but the novelty of these has worn off in nine years, and not many people have the bad taste to leave the open air and daylight and shut themselves up in buildings which, being windowless, have necessarily to be lit up with gas as at night. These performances, moreover, either cannot or will not hit the taste of the masses. I read in a newspaper indeed that before 9 o'clock immense queues had formed outside the Opera, but I passed it at noon, and there was not the slightest muster. The review, on the other hand, drew an enormous crowd ... The 1,500 provincial mayors were conveyed by water to the review, and thence reascended the river to the Champs de Mars, to attend the dinner given them by the Government in the 1889 Exhibition buildings. The Senators, Deputies, Judges, and other dignitaries were also invited, the company numbering about 2,300. At half-past 7 the bands struck up the "Marseillaise," there was a cry of "Vive Carnot!" and in the belief that the President had arrived the waiters brought in the soup. It proved, however, a false alarm, and the soup was hurriedly taken back, but 10 minutes afterwards the music struck up again. M. Carnot having really arrived ...

ON THIS DAY

July 16, 1888

The reporter of this occasion, celebrating "Le quatorze juillet" of the French Revolution, gives the impression of having got out of bed on the wrong side.

□ Compiled by Deborah Kin...

NEWS

Big education spend on infants

■ Young children emerged as the focus of the Government's £19 billion drive to raise standards in education. The number of free nursery places for three-year-olds will be doubled while infant class sizes in many areas will be pegged two years early.

David Blunkett promised a series of initiatives in schools, colleges and universities, including the recruitment of an army of classroom assistants Page 1

Patriarch of the Viagra line

■ The father of the virility drug Viagra is a scientist from Kent. Nicholas Terrett, a father of five, is named as the man who, in 1991, discovered that a mixture of sildenafil citrate — Viagra's active ingredient — was useful for heart conditions. Last night he confirmed that he and a colleague had developed Viagra as an impotence treatment Page 1

Drumcree swoop

Security forces swooped on the Drumcree protesters in a dawn operation that ended 11 consecutive nights of violence. Scores of soldiers and police officers moved out for the first time from behind their barricades Page 2

Anti-lobby pressure

Pressure for a statutory register of lobbyists is growing, with Tony Blair indicating he could be ready to back the idea Page 2

Cadet dies

An officer cadet has died and another was taken to hospital suffering from dehydration and heat exhaustion after endurance exercises at Sandhurst Page 3

Last Tango rape

A drama student handcuffed a classmate and raped her while they read scenes from *Last Tango in Paris* Page 3

Mafia warning

American-style anti-mafia laws may be needed to catch untouchable underworld godfathers, chief constables said. Senior officers believe they know the identities of more than 100 gang leaders and paymasters who are beyond the law Page 4

Baby death case

A childminder accused of murdering a five-month-old baby in her care told a jury that she never lost her temper with children Page 5

Disney tour rape

A British couple who had just arrived in Florida for a two-week holiday are the latest victims of a voyeuristic serial rapist stalking tourists in hotels near Disney World Page 13

Not so funny

The BBC has been ordered to sharpen up its new sitcoms after recent disappointments, as it prepares to take the licence fee above £100 for the first time next year Pages 1, 7

Judge's sex denial

The judge in Israel's sex, spy and political scandal refused to stand down, denying that he had had an improper relationship or that Binyamin Netanyahu had tried to influence him Page 15

Cronyism charges

Accusations of cronyism were renewed after the discovery that seven times more Labour activists than Tories have been appointed to NHS trusts Page 10

Holocaust aid

More than 500 Holocaust survivors in Britain will be the first to benefit from an international aid fund. Some will be paid within weeks Page 12

Cider town fizzes

Taunton is in ferment over uncomplimentary remarks about the county town of Somerset by Jonathan Meades, the *Times* restaurant reviewer Page 6

Girl's winning letter to lost father

■ A schoolgirl has won first prize in a letter-writing contest by penning one to her father, who died of a heart attack five years ago. When a class of eight-year-olds was asked to write to an imaginary penfriend, Gina Jones produced an emotional letter that had her teachers in tears. Her mother was surprised by the letter because Gina never talks about him Page 1

MIKE DERER / AP



A bust of Frank Sinatra unveiled at Hoboken, New Jersey, by his daughter Nancy, far right, and her daughter, A.J. Lambert

BUSINESS

Facia: Stephen Hinchliffe and Christopher Harrison, who are being investigated by the Serious Fraud Office, are back in the retailing business Page 25

Pierre Victoire: A consortium of franchisees of Pierre Victoire, the French bistro chain that collapsed into receivership, has launched a rescue bid Page 25

Economy: An unexpected rise in average earnings data revived the spectre of a further rate rise but the stock market still closed at a record high Page 25

Markets: FTSE 100 Index rose 51.3 points to close at 6151.5. Sterling's trade-weighted index unchanged at 104.9 after a fall from $1.6373 to $1.6325 and from DM2.9453 to DM2.9445 Page 28

SPORT

Golf: There is genuine excitement about the eighth Open at Royal Birkdale because it appears to contain all the ingredients of one of the most memorable in recent memory Page 48

Cricket: Australia's women scored an emphatic victory by 64 runs over their England counterparts at Derby and now lead the five-match, one-day international series 2-0 Page 43

Football: Andrei Kanchelskis, the former Manchester United and Everton winger, has joined Rangers for £5.5 million from the Italian club, Fiorentina Page 45

Cycling: Stuart O'Grady became the second Australian and fourth rider to wear the yellow jersey in the Tour de France Page 46

ARTS

Earth mover: The Natural History Museum has unveiled four spectacular galleries that reveal the history of the Earth from Big Bang to threat of extinction Page 33

Teen readers: Britain's most prestigious prize for children's fiction, the Carnegie Medal, has been awarded to Tim Bowler, who sends a clarion call for the written word Page 33

New movies: The week's releases are dominated by the looming bulk of *Godzilla*, a crass factory product that tramples over the audience's hearts and minds Page 34

Doctor, doctor: The stage version of the musical *Dr Dolittle* arrives in the West End with hippos, llamas, a great pink sea-snail — oh, and Phillip Schofield Page 36

FEATURES

Dr Stuttaford: Anxiety disorders: living with schizophrenia; Ronaldo's seizure and what patients want to know Page 18

Unmarked graves: Many victims of Ulster's paramilitary murder squads lie in unknown graves, their families denied the right to mourn Page 19

Bliss trips: Do marriages late in life work? Maureen Freely on the latest partnerships of Barbra Streisand and Raquel Welch Page 19

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TRAVEL

Best buys: Special weekened rates as a famous London hotel celebrates its 90th anniversary; a week's self-catering on a Greek island for less than £300 Page 40

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If Hashimoto's exit has opened up the possibility for change, it is only because voters have demonstrated that mismanagement of the economy will not go unpunished. The LDP would be advised to choose its new Prime Minister carefully. Failure will cost the party — and Japan and the world — dearly.

The Times of India



TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ MEDIA
Sir John Birt, the departing BBC Director-General, talks to Raymond Snoddy about his legacy

■ EDUCATION
Rethinking truancy: how to cope with the problem girls

TV LISTINGS

Preview: What happens during one third of our lives? *The Secrets of Sleep* (Channel 4, 9pm) **Review:** Peter Barnard on a quality drama of family values Page 46, 47

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Charmed circle

A man so casual about his own private finance initiatives as Mr Robinson should not be entrusted with those which involve public money. Mr Blair should release him to private wheeling and dealing at which he clearly excels Page 21

Blunkett's Budget

David Blunkett should guard against the risk that higher spending, coupled with nationally policed targets, will put Whitehall and town hall back into the driving seat Page 21

Shop-window wipers

What the well-dressed woman feels like wearing this summer is thermal underwear, waterproof tweeds and a mackintosh complete with fisherman's sou'-wester Page 21

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PETER RIDDELL

Tony Blair should be worried about the response to the Comprehensive Spending Review. The wrong people are applauding it, for the wrong reasons Page 8

TIM CONGDON

Mr Blair and Mr Brown may truly believe that the three-year spending plans are a move towards modernity. However, the idea is far from modern Page 20

JOHN BRYANT

Don't tell Ronaldo, but the Brazilians used to be the world's best at handling sporting stress by the unheard of tactic of a psychologist accompanying their team Page 45

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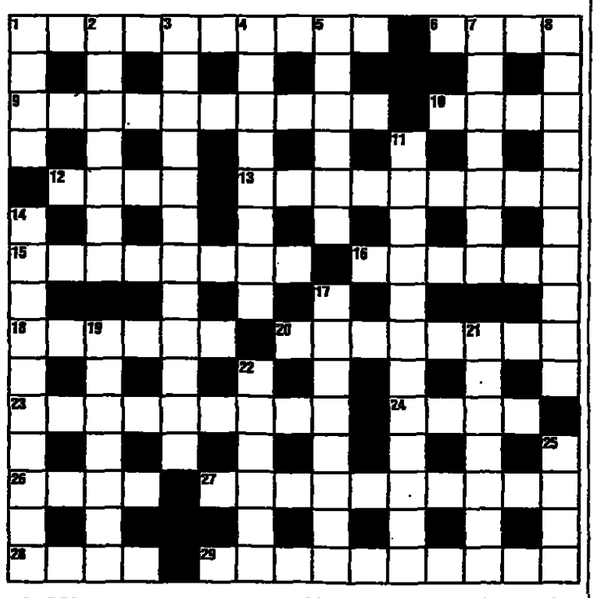
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6 English company retains hard copy (4).
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10 You'll find it in Perpendicular church (4).
12 Spoils of war? (4).
13 Be excessively trying (9).
15 Inclined to go without right education (8).
16 Fantastic runner legally ignoring all the odds (6).
18 Salad ingredient — in haste, it's left out (6).
20 Press has confused one about exhibit (8).
23 It's once or repeatedly mixed as perfume ingredient (5,4).
24 High cost of money once limiting motorway (4).
26 Associate could be friendly — but not at first (4).
27 Time for us, man, to grab popular gem (10).
28 What's potentially shocking about such corruption? (4).
29 Desire to treat wound for a certain party (5,5).

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1 Every item of fruit's a penny off (4).
2 Is able to get volunteers to repeat musical performance (7).
3 Dreadfully noisy cry said to be peculiar behaviour (12).
4 Flying first class, British entering right part of France (8).
5 Article portrayed Peter's brother (6).
7 Slaughter that's new in the era of the motorist? (7).
8 Work hard on the largely mistaken claim of viewer (10).
11 It's temporarily erected for pressing reasons (7,5).
14 People responsible for a full house (10).
17 Study of language that could bring one to richer translation (8).
19 Learning to get garland for alluring woman (7).
21 Man's masculine policy that limits skirt length (7).
22 Forming a circle around star, light a cigar (6).
25 Over the canal one can see a divine type (4).

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 5.02 am — Sun sets: 9.11 pm
Moon sets 1.18 pm — Moon rises 12.13 am

Last quarter today
London 9.11 pm to 5.03 am
Bristol 9.20 pm to 5.13 am
Edinburgh 9.48 pm to 4.51 am
Manchester 9.29 pm to 5.01 am
Penzance 9.26 pm to 5.31 am

FORECAST

☐ **General:** southern England and South Wales will have outbreaks of rain, lingering into afternoon across SE England, while other southern areas turn brighter with sunny intervals and a few showers. N England, N Wales, and eastern Scotland will have a little sunshine and occasional showers. W Scotland and N Ireland will have isolated showers for much of day; showery rain will spread from west by evening.

☐ **London, SE England:** cloudy in morning, patchy rain; brighter in afternoon with a few showers. Cool breeze. Max 20C (68F).

☐ **E Anglia, Cent S, SW England, E Midlands, Channel Is, S Wales:** remaining overnight rain will clear to leave sunny spells and a few showers. Light to moderate W or SW wind. Max 20C (68F).

☐ **E, NW, Central N, NE England, W Midlands, N Wales, Lakes, IoM:** a little sunshine, but a fair amount of cloud and scattered showers. Max 20C (68F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Cent Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland:** mostly dry, patchy cloud, sunny spells. A few showers. Cool SW breeze. Max 19C (66F).

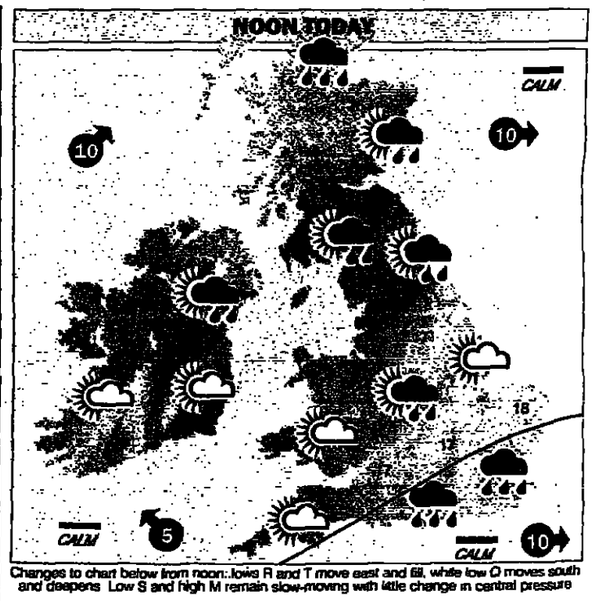
☐ **SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland:** isolated showers for most of day, but rain will spread from west this evening. Moderate W wind. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** mostly dry with patchy cloud and sunny spells, a few showers. Cool SW breeze. Max 16C (61F).

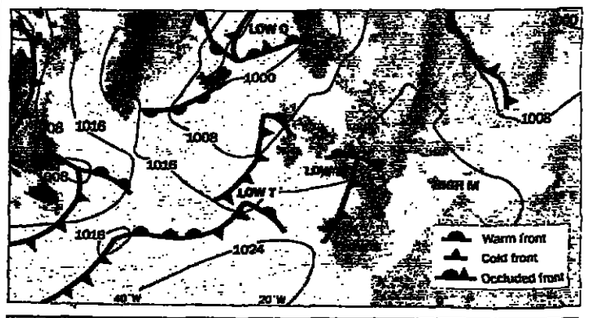
☐ **Outlook:** cool and showery tomorrow. On Saturday, more prolonged rain in central and southern Britain.

☐ **Pollen forecast:** low — SE England, London; moderate — Scotland, N Ireland, NW & Cent S England, N Wales, E Anglia; moderate to high — Midlands, SW England; high — NE England, S Wales.

NOON TODAY



Changes to chart below from noon: lows R and T move east and fill, while low Q moves south and deepens. Low S and high M remain slow-moving with little change in central pressure



AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; du=dust storm; dul=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	13.5	-	16	61	b	Jersey	2.3	-	19	66	c
Anglesey	X	X	X	X		Kinloss	15.1	-	17	63	s
Aspatria	2.8	0.01	17	63	c	Leeds	3.4	0.01	18	64	b
Aviemore	5.8	0.06	16	61	sh	Lerwick	7.8	0.01	13	55	r
Belfast	4.0	0.19	18	64	c	Lauchars	8.2	0.04	17	63	sh
Birmingham	4.8	0.01	19	66	b	Littlehmpin	0.3	0.01	18	64	c
Bognor R	0.6	0.01	18	64	sh	London	2.1	0.01	20	68	b
Bournem'th	3.4	0.01	19	66	b	Lowestoft	4.4	0.02	20	68	b
Bristol	1.4	-	18	64	c	Manchester	4.9	0.05	17	63	sh
Buxton	2.2	0.10	15	59	b	Margate	6.2	-	20	68	b
Cardiff	X	0.01	19	66	c	Morecambe	6.0	0.04	17	63	s
Clacton	X	-	18	64	s	Newcastle	1.2	-	19	66	s
Cleethorpes	3.9	-	20	68	b	Norwich	3.3	0.02	20	68	c
Colwyn Bay	3.1	0.01	18	64	b	Oxford	2.5	0.01	18	64	b
Cromer	4.2	0.01	19	66	b	Penzance	X	0.03	18	64	sh
Dunker	9.0	-	19	66	b	Prestatyn	X	0.01	19	66	s
Eastbourne	2.1	0.01	17	63	c	Ross on Wye	4.0	-	19	66	c
Edinburgh	7.5	0.01	19	66	b	Salcombe	2.7	0.01	17	63	c
Eskdalemuir	2.1	0.09	16	61	sh	Scarboro'	5.8	0.01	18	64	b
Exmouth	1.5	0.01	18	64	c	Shrewsbury	4.0	0.01	18	66	b
Fishguard	4.4	-	16	61	s	Skegness	5.3	-	20	68	c
Folkestone	1.7	0.01	20	68	c	Southend	5.3	-	20	68	b
Glasgow	2.8	0.06	18	64	sh	Southsea	3.2	0.01	18	64	sh
Guernsey	1.5	0.01	19	66	c	Stornoway	6.5	0.19	15	59	sh
Hastings	0.9	0.01	17	63	sh	Swanage	1.2	0.01	18	64	sh
Hayling I.	1.5	0.01	17	63	sh	Teignmouth	1.1	0.01	18	64	c
Hove	1.5	0.03	18	64	c	Tenby	3.7	0.01	17	63	c
Hunstanton	3.8	-	20	68	b	Torquay	3.0	-	19	66	c
Isle of Man	6.2	-	17	63	b	Tynemouth	-	-	18	64	c
Isle of Wight	3.1	0.01	17	63	b	Weymouth	-	-	19	66	c

ABROAD

Ajaccio	25	77	f	Cologne	18	64	f	Madrid	28	82	s
Alicehi	37	88	s	Corfu	30	86	s	Majorca	28	82	c
Alex'dria	29	84	s	C'phagn	14	57	sh	Malaga	29	84	s
Algiers	26	79	s	Dublin	15	59	r	Malta	33	91	s
Amst'dm	14	57	c	Dubrovnik	29	84	s	Melb'rne	9	48	s
Athens	33	91	s	Faro	27	81	s	Mexico C	25	77	f
B Aires	19	66	s	Florence	20	68	r	Miami	37	91	f
Bahrain	36	97	s	Frankfurt	19	66	f	Milan	25	77	f
Bangkok	31	88	c	Funchal	24	75	s	Montreal	29	84	s
Barbados	27	81	f	Geneva	21	70	c	Moscow	17	63	c
Barcelona	25	77	f	Gibraltar	30	86	s	Munich	18	64	c
Beijing	33	91	s	Helsinki	18	64	f	N Delhi	33	91	f
Beirut	28	82	f	Hong K	31	88	f	N York	23	84	f
Belgrade	32	90	s	Inverness	18	64	f	Nairobi	19	66	f
Berlin	18	64	f	Istanbul	31	88	c	Naples	29	84	s
Bermuda	27	81	s	Jeddah	40	104	s	Nice	27	81	s
Biarritz	19	66	c	Jo'burg	16	61	s	Oslo	14	57	r
Borde'x	22	72	f	L Angels	22	72	s	Paris	21	70	f
Brussels	17	63	c	L Palmas	25	77	s	Perth	16	61	s
Budapst	23	73	f	Le Touqt	17	63	f	Prague	19	66	f
Cairo	34	93	s	Lisbon	28	79	s	Reykjavik	13	55	f
Cape Tn	15	59	c	Locarno	27	81	s	Rhodes	28	82	s
Ch'church	9	48	s	Luxembg	16	61	f	Rio de J	23	73	f
Chicago	31	88	c	Luxor	39	102	c	Riyadh	43	109	s

Rome	25	77	f	Stockhm	19	66	s	Vienna	17	63	f
S Fr'sco	16	61	s	Strasb'rg	20	68	f	Warsaw	19	66	f
S Paulo	X	-	-	Sydney	14	57	f	Wash'ton	31	88	f
Salzburg	16	61	c	Tangier	26	79	s	Wellington	13	55	s
Santiago	10	50	s	Tel Aviv	33	91	s	Zurich	18	64	f
Seoul	28	84	c	Tenerife	30	86	s				
Sing'por	31	88	f	Tokyo	25	77	c				
Stockhm	19	66	s	Toronto	30	86	s				

Temperatures at midday local time on Tuesday. X = not available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Aberdeen	5:50	4.0	18:42	3.7	Liverpool	3.37	8.9	16.09	8.4
Avonmouth	11.48	11.7	-	-	London Bridge	6.21	6.7	18.31	6.6
Belfast	3.25	3.4	16.08	3.1	Lowestoft	2.07	2.2	13.57	2.5
Cardiff	11.34	10.9	-	-	Margate	4.31	4.5	16.41	4.6
Devonport	10.11	4.9	22.33	5.0	Milford Haven	10.57	6.1	23.26	6.2
Dover	3.35	6.1	15.57	6.3	Newquay	9.55	6.1	22.25	6.2
Dublin	4.03	4.0	16.53	3.7	Oban	10.10	3.2	23.08	3.3
Falmouth	9.42	4.7	22.04	4.8	Penzance	9.21	4.8	21.50	5.0
Greenock	4.54	3.5	17.31	3.3	Portland	11.36	1.6	23.48	1.6
Harwich	4.18	3.8	16.31	3.7	Portsmouth	3.45	4.3	16.35	4.5
Holyhead	2.45	5.3	15.23	4.9	Sheerness	3.26	5.8	16.14	5.9
Hull (Albert D)	10.45	8.2	23.30	7.8	Southampton	3.09	4.3	16.45	4.3
Ilfracombe	10.39	8.1	23.10	8.2	Swansea	10.58	8.4	23.28	8.5
King's Lynn	10.50	6.2	23.47	5.6	Tees	8.22	5.2	21.10	4.9
Leith	7.11	5.2	19.51	5.0	Walton On-Naze	4.14	4.0	16.28	3.9

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Hinchliffe behind retail sportswear group



Hinchliffe: SFO inquiry

BY JASON NISSE

STEPHEN HINCHLIFFE and Christopher Harrison, who are being investigated by the Serious Fraud Office over the collapse of their Facia empire two years ago, are back in the retailing business.

The duo are behind Feelgood Leisure, a mail order and retail group based in Grimsby, Lincolnshire, which sells sportswear and training shoes.

The two, who *The Times* recently revealed as the mystery buyers of the Knoydart estate in Scotland, do not appear as directors of the company nor are they disclosed as shareholders. However, *The Times* has proof of their involvement in the purchase of the assets of another mail order group, Freetime Sports, by Feelgood in January.

The Facia empire — whose high street brand names included Sock Shop, Saxone and Freeman Hardy Willis — collapsed in June 1996, after Sears placed administrators into part of the empire and the rest fell into receivership. After the collapse the SFO started an investigation, which has yet to see any arrests, and Price Waterhouse, the administrators of Facia Footwear, obtained a mareva injunction freezing Mr Hinchliffe's UK assets.

Freetime collapsed last year with debts of nearly £2 million. Over 12,000 customers who had paid for goods were forced to obtain refunds from the Mail Order Protection Society (MOPS).

Feelgood, which is now registered with MOPS and has been advertising in the national press, bought the assets of Freetime from its receivers, Edward Klempka and Stewart McKellar of Coopers & Lybrand.

Mr McKellar admitted that most of the negotiations to buy the Freetime assets by Feelgood were conducted by Ian Rosenblatt, a long-time associate of Mr Hinchliffe and Mr Harrison who used to run their German business, Millenium (*sic*) Footwear. Part of that business was sold yesterday to Klesch Capital Partners, an investment fund.

At one point a person called Stephen Leonard arrived at the plant, travelling in a helicopter. Leonard is Mr Hinchliffe's middle name.

John Smith, who was company secretary of Freetime, met with Stephen Leonard. He said that Mr Leonard was Mr Hinchliffe, having identified him from a photograph provided by *The Times*.

Nick Davies, a supplier to Freetime, said that when he tried to repossess goods supplied to the company he was invited to a meeting with Christopher Harrison in a Sheffield hotel, at which a deal for payment was made on behalf of Feelgood.

Les Booth, one of the two directors disclosed by Feelgood at Companies House, refused to discuss whether Mr Hinchliffe and Mr Harrison were involved in the company.

Mr Booth is also a director of Millenium (*sic*) Images, a company registed at Parkhead Hall, Sheffield, the offices of Chase Montagu, the investment company of Mr Hinchliffe and Mr Harrison.

Mr Hinchliffe did not return calls made to him yesterday.

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STOCK MARKET INDICES

FTSE 100	6151.5	(+51.3)
Yield	2.67%	
FTSE All share	2873.60	(+22.21)
Nikkei	16614.14	(+125.23)
New York:		
Dow Jones	9251.46	(+5.92)*
S&P Composite	1176.94	(-0.64)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5 11/16%*	(5 7/16%)
Long Bond	105 28/32*	(105 28/32)
Yield	5.70%*	(5.72%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth interbank	7 11/16%	(7 5/8%)
Liffe long gilt future (Sep)	108.44	(108.85)

FOREIGN

New York:		
$	1.6335*	(1.6340)
London:		
$	1.6336	(1.6377)
DM	2.9454	(2.9458)
FFr	9.8751	(9.8827)
SFr	2.4766	(2.4829)
Yen	229.40	(228.63)
£ Index	104.9	(104.9)
London:		
DM	1.8011*	(1.8045)
FFr	6.0370*	(6.0480)
SFr	1.5130*	(1.5205)
Yen	140.68*	(140.05)
$ Index	113.1	(112.7)

Tokyo close Yen 140.88

WORLD SPOT OIL

Brent 15-day (SEp)	$13.35	($13.25)

GOLD

London close	$292.95	($293.65)

* denotes midday trading price

Shares at new high despite rates worries

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE stock market climbed to a record high yesterday shrugging off an unexpected rise in average earnings data that revived the spectre of a further rate rise.

Taking their cue from an overnight record high on Wall Street and a good performance on Asian markets, shares in London continued to build on Tuesday's 140 point gain. The FTSE 100 ended up 51.3 at 6,151.5, a record closing high. Even before trade ended the index broke new ground, touching on a record intra-day peak of 6,179.8.

Banks and other financial stocks again led the way, profiting from Tuesday's unexpectedly large fall in inflation. Exporter stocks also benefited from another slight fall in the value of sterling. The pound closed marginally down against the German mark at DM2.9445.

Analysts, however, warned that the latest surge could prove short-lived after another jump in the wage inflation data. Annual earnings growth in April increased to 5.4 per cent while earnings growth for March was also revised upwards from 5.2 to 5.3 per cent.

Gordon Brown yesterday repeated his warning that wage rises could lead to further rate rises and called on the private sector to restrain its wage demands. He told the Treasury Select Committee that "people will see quite clearly the link between what they decide to settle for and interest rates in the economy".

"A wage rise today could mean the risk of an interest rate rise tomorrow," he added.

The importance of the earnings figures was borne out by the publication of the minutes of the June Monetary Policy Committee meeting that showed the Bank raised rates by a quarter point that month because of its concerns over the inflationary consequences of wages rises.

The MPC voted by an eight to one majority in favour of the rise to 7.5 per cent with some members even floating the idea of a half point rise in rates. Only DeAnne Julius voted against the rise, pressing for the committee to actually cut rates to help relieve the burden of the strong pound on manufacturers.

Economists said that earnings figures coupled with the minutes suggesting that a rate rise was back on the agenda. Dharshini David, UK economist at HSBC, said: "The MPC questioned whether one rate rise was enough to curb wage inflation. These numbers will have done nothing to reassure them on this score and only increase the risk of a rate hike in August."

However, Nick Vaughan, UK economist at Barclays Capital, pointed to evidence that earnings growth began to slow in May and that this trend should accelerate as recession-hit manufacturers shed jobs in the coming months. Mr Vaughan added that the MPC probably knew the earnings figures when it declined to raise rates at its July meeting last week.

Earnings growth in manufacturing registered 5.6 per cent in April but preliminary figures showed it had fallen to 5.2 per cent in May. There was also a small rise of 700 in the May claimant count measure of unemployment. The Government's preferred jobless measure showed a quarterly fall of 36,000, below the average seen in the past year.

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Receivers for the Pierre Victoire bistro chain, founded ten years ago by Pierre Levicky, are hoping for a buyer within a fortnight

In the money

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Compaq loss

Compaq, the biggest maker of personal computers in the world, recorded a quarterly loss of $3.6 billion (£2.2 billion) after a $3.7 billion charge against the acquisition of Digital.
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Brown allays recession fear

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS EDITOR

GORDON BROWN yesterday fought off accusations that a recession would undermine his ambitious spending plans, claiming that he would be able to finance his planned extra public spending.

In testimony before the Treasury Committee, he said the public spending plans were based on meeting his new fiscal rules, even taking the most pessimistic assumption of economic prospects by 45 independent forecasters.

He noted that asset sales would realise up to £27 billion over the next three years of this Parliament, that debt interest payments would be £5 billion lower per year for the next three years and that extra spending for priority departments had been made possible by lower settlements for other spending departments.

Mr Brown added that the Treasury is planning for budget surpluses of £7 billion, £10 billion and £13 billion, over the next three years which would cushion any downturn.

The Chancellor made it clear that, even if inflation turned out higher than forecast, and therefore growth in heath and education budgets would be lower than planned, there would be no extra money from the Treasury.

During yesterday's testimony both the Chancellor and Ed Balls, his economic adviser, flatly denied that last year's Budget had been leaked from the Treasury.

Rescue bid for Pierre Victoire

BY DOMINIC WALSH

A CONSORTIUM of franchisees of Pierre Victoire, the French bistro chain that collapsed into receivership last month, has launched a rescue bid for the business.

The chain's best-performing franchisees, backed by KPMG Corporate Finance, have offered an estimated £500,000 for the Pierre Victoire name and the 40 best sites. Their offer is believed to exclude 20 of the 25 company-owned units and 48 of the 83 franchises.

Although the receiver insists it will only entertain offers for the whole chain, legal experts at Field Fisher Waterhouse believe the agreements are unenforceable.

Mark Abell, partner at FFW, said the franchisees' proposal was "probably the only real option for the receiver", adding: "No prudent purchaser would pay good money for [the franchises]."

Mr Abell, who advised on the rescue of Athena, the poster and greeting cards retailer, two years ago, said franchisee buyouts were "a tried and tested method of rescuing a failed but viable franchise". As with Athena, the receiver for Pierre Victoire — founded 10 years ago by the Frenchman Pierre Levicky — is Grant Thornton, whose spokesman said last night: "All the franchise agreements are enforceable and sound. ... We're looking at a sale within a fortnight."

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World Cup firm bought from touts

BY MATTHEW BARBOUR

A CORPORATE hospitality company that collapsed during the World Cup yesterday told how it attempted to make up for its ticket shortfall by buying them for £2.5 million in cash from touts outside the matches, often minutes before kick-off.

Terry Shepherd, chairman of The Mall Corporate Events, told a meeting of creditors that when he realised their two ticket suppliers would not deliver, his company had no choice but to find an alternative.

"We realised we were in trouble two to three days before the opening game and decided we shouldn't expose ourselves to the greater liability of not supplying tickets integral to the packages," he said.

Clients of The Mall, which include Clerical Medical, Hewlett Packard and Royal Sun Alliance, paid up to £2,299 each for packages to the competition that included cordon bleu catering, transport to the ground, five-star accommodation and ... tickets.

The Mall owes its estimated 500 creditors more than £3.3 million.

Mr Shepherd admitted to the creditors that "buying tickets at hugely inflated prices was crazy", but attempted to justify his decision by saying he hoped to buy tickets later on at a discount to the face value.

"If we hadn't supplied tickets to clients who were already in France, expecting to see a game, they would have ripped the place apart," he said.

The company went into voluntary liquidation on June 26 after disposing of its entire cash reserves on tickets up to £700 above face value.

Post Office warns over foreign rivals

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE POST OFFICE yesterday warned that more than £1 billion will be cut from planned investment and that big chunks of UK business will go to foreign competitors if the Government does not grant the commercial freedom it seeks.

Dr Neville Bain, the Post Office chairman, said services could suffer if the organisation cannot keep pace with foreign competitors already operating in the UK.

The Post Office yesterday announced a 12.8 per cent jump in pre-tax profits to £651 million. But it complained that 90 per cent of its profits went to the Treasury in a dividend payment and corporation tax. Its pay-out to the Treasury last year was £338 million while corporation tax was £217 million. Dr Bain said: "This isn't something that is sustainable going forward in a competitive world."

The Post Office has calculated that it must invest £2.7 billion into the business over the next five years to keep up with progress made by postal groups in other countries.

But unless it is released from its obligation to pay the Treasury a substantial dividend — called the external financing limit — and has the freedom to raise cash from banks, it will only be able to provide about £1.7 billion.

The Government is due to set out terms to give the Post Office more commercial freedom in the autumn in a move which could involve selling up to 49 per cent of the organisation.

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Compiled by Deborah King

High streets submerged by summer downpour

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM
RETAIL CORRESPONDENT

THE summer's miserable weather has been wreaking havoc on the high streets, leaving racks of summer clothing and other goods unsold.

The sales have started early, offering some real bargains, and, while this may be good news for shoppers, it is highly depressing for retailers already worrying about higher interest rates and the disappearance of last year's building society windfall spenders.

Even analysts, who normally roll their eyes when retailers start moaning about the weather, are taking it seriously this time. "It is brutally difficult out there," Richard Edwards, of Salomon Smith Barney, said. Quite how bad the situation is may become clearer today when Marks & Spencer gives an update on its trading position. The figures should be particularly illuminating because M&S controls 16 per cent of the UK clothing market, as well as about 5 per cent of the food market.

Analysts think that anything less than 4 per cent volume growth will be disappointing, anything more than 5 per cent, a relief.

But the evidence that weather has badly damaged trade, is available already. The British Retail Consortium (BRC) said this week that last month's like-for-like sales were 0.1 per cent down on the same month last year. This was the first time retail sales had recorded an annual decline for more than three years.

Worst affected, according to the BRC, were sales of clothing, footwear and furniture. The weather and the World Cup were blamed for keeping shoppers at home.

The woes of furniture retailers have led to profit warnings from MFI, DFS, Carpetright and Allied Carpets. They had all benefited substantially from last year's windfall spending, and the bad weather has simply made a bad situation worse.

Some clothing retailers had managed to maintain sales momentum, but now have resorted to starting their sales early. One is the fashion chain Oasis which had a very bad 1997, due to problems with its ranges, but so far this year has been able to produce comparatively good figures.

John Lewis, the department store group, which publishes weekly sales figures, boosted its menswear sales in the first week of July by starting reductions of some casual brands early. It also, not too surprisingly, enjoyed better than expected sales of knitwear.

Similarly, its supermarket business, Waitrose, reported unusually high sales of women's tights. Waitrose said also that sales of fruit and other fresh foods have held up. People are clearly eating as if it were a proper summer, even if they are still dressed in their winter clothes.

Monsoon, which came to the market earlier this year and specialises in floaty dresses, said earlier this month that its turnover and profits for the year to the end of May will be in line with its prospectus. But the company admits that while May was good, trade has since been affected by the bad weather and it is starting its sale a week earlier than last year.

The early sales mean that summer stock could be cleared off the shelves in the next few weeks and, instead, autumn ranges will start to appear on the racks.

So any late burst of good weather may mean that cool summery clothes will be hard to find.

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Inward investment at record despite economic turmoil

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN has enjoyed a record year for inward investment despite fears that the strong pound, the Asian financial crisis and the decision to opt out of the euro would scare off overseas companies.

The Invest in Britain Bureau (IBB), which is responsible for promoting the UK to foreign companies, recorded a 28 per cent increase in new investment projects to 618 with nearly 125,000 jobs newly created or safeguarded by the investments.

However, there was a marked decline in the rate of growth of first-time investments. The number of first-time projects rose by only 5 per cent last year while the number of jobs created by these investments actually fell from 22,000 to 16,000.

The Government, however, said the overall inward investment performance remained strong and the slowdown in first-time investment reflected the fact that so many multinationals were already located in the country. Investment by companies already in the UK is counted as an expansion and not a first-time project.

The Department of Trade and Industry also insisted that the fall in the number of new jobs reflected an increased emphasis on high-value job creation such as Pfizer's decision to invest £119 million in expanding its research facilities in Kent, where the drug Viagra was developed.

Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, described the evidence of overall increased investment by multi-nationals already present in the UK as a long-term "vote of confidence".

Andrew Fraser, chief executive of the IBB, said fears that the strong pound and the Asian crisis would threaten the UK's investment record had so far proved unfounded despite a couple of high profile project cancellations.

Investment from Japan was at its highest levels since 1990 and Mr Fraser said Asian companies remained keen to invest in Europe in part to escape the problems in their domestic markets.

The Office for National Statistics estimates the flow of investment into the UK during the past year at £34.9 billion. The UK attracts around 30 per cent of all EU inward investment. The total UK stock of overseas investment is now estimated at £161 billion and is directly connected with 571,500 jobs across the country.

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No dummies: Muir Parker, chief executive, saw First Technology's pre-tax profits soar 33 per cent to £12.2 million in the year to April 30, helped by strong demand for its fuel cut-off devices (Timon Day writes).

The car safety engineering group's automotive electronics division, which makes the top-selling crash-activated devices, was responsible for nearly all the profits' increase, lifting its contribution by half to £9 million.

The safety and analysis division was flat at around £3 million in the face of the slowdown in Far East markets and delayed US legislation mandating a range of crash dummies.

Mr Parker said Far Eastern recovery on any scale is unlikely this year but the US market for crash dummies is set for take-off as the new law comes into effect in September. Earnings rose to 16.68p (12.7p) a share. A final dividend of 3.2p a share lifts the total to 5p (3.6p).

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Hopes over IMF loan boost Indonesian shares

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

INDONESIAN markets surged yesterday after the International Monetary Fund said it was on the verge of releasing a $1 billion (£600 million) loan to the country.

The IMF's $41 billion bail-out package for Indonesia has been suspended since President Suharto fell from power in May amid widespread political and social disorder.

However, the IMF last month agreed a revised reform programme with the new Government, headed by Justuf Habibie. The decision to resume payments suggests that the IMF is happy with the reform measures taken so far by the Indonesian Government.

The Indonesian rupiah strengthened from 14,750 against the dollar to 14,350 against the dollar on the news. Jakarta stocks also rose by 3.5 per cent.

The markets also received a boost from separate reports that a steering committee of international banks had made a verbal commitment to reschedule part of the country's massive corporate debt burden. The committee is believed to have extended the repayment period for $7 billion worth of short-term debts to between one and four years.

Analysts cautioned, however, that to sustain the improvement in the markets, the Indonesian Government needed to continue to demonstrate its commitment to both economic and political reforms.

However, there were less clear indications as to how Indonesia intends to handle the remainder of the country's $80 billion of corporate debt.

Cards speed Photo-Me ahead

BY TIMON DAY

EARLY introduction of photocard driving licences in Britain boosted the shares yesterday of Photo-Me International, the world's leading manufacturer and operator of photobooths.

Peter Ogborne, managing director of operations, estimates that the new driving licences will create additional demand for personal photographs at a rate of at least 40,000 a month from August rising to more than 500,000 a month by mid-1999. That represents an annual increase of about 25 per cent of UK business.

A set of four colour passport-sized photographs costs an average of £2.50, so some £15 million extra revenue will accrue in a full year, equating to £1.5 million profits.

The Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority initiative to start phasing in the cards now anticipates the move by Brussels to require photographs on European driving licenses issued after July 29, 2001. Eventually all 35 million driving licence holders in Britain will be affected.

Photo-Me shares jumped 40p to 374p yesterday, valuing the company at £269 million.

Photo-Me has some 4,000 photobooths in the UK, almost all the market because it recently bought out a leading rival, and 25,000 booths overseas.



Peter Ogborne and drivers preparing new licence photocards

Prosecutors attacked over Microsoft

THE Justice Department has been attacked by senators for being too zealous in its anti-trust battle with Microsoft (Oliver August writes from New York). The US regulator has apparently encouraged at least three foreign countries to join its crusade against the software group.

The group of senators wrote to Janet Reno, the head of the Justice Department, saying: "We hope you will agree that it is an inappropriate use of US taxpayer dollars to encourage ... foreign governments to use their laws in a way that unfairly impairs the export opportunities of US exporters."

BP and Safeway in £100m venture

BY CARL MORTISHED

BP and Safeway are to invest £100 million developing mini-supermarkets at BP petrol stations around Britain. The project will create 2,000 jobs at 100 sites and the joint venture company expects to generate £700 million in sales when all the sites are up and running.

The BP/Safeway tie-up was agreed in September 1996 and a pilot project involving new stores at seven sites was set up. According to BP, sales of both fuel and groceries have exceeded targets with the stores achieving sales per square foot of £22 per week, well ahead of the best of BP's existing forecourt stores which do about £15.

Petrol price wars have decimated the retailing margins of the oil companies, to the extent that most petrol stations now earn their keep from the sale of confectionery and newspapers rather than fuel.

The rationale behind the BP/Safeway venture is to maximise the profitability of BP's investment in its best sites, using the Safeway brand as a draw. BP has about 1,800 sites in the UK of which half are owned by the company and just 400 are operated by BP staff.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Potential buyers fail to tempt Robert Dyas

ROBERT DYAS, the family-owned chain of hardware stores, said talks with interested parties have now ceased because the expressions of interest received did not reflect the true potential value of the business. The company announced on March 4 that it had conducted a strategic review of the business and was evaluating a number of options arising from that review, including the sale of the business.

The company pledged yesterday that that the board would continue its work to improve the profit performance of the business. Profitability was severely affected by a fire that destroyed the Robert Dyas warehouse and head office in December, 1997. The insurance claim relating to the fire continues, with the insurers continuing to be very supportive, the company said. It said significant progress had been made in restoring the business during the past few weeks and the board was now finalising strategic plans which would enable it to take Robert Dyas forward as the leading convenience retailer of home and garden products.

Caterpillar disappoints

CATERPILLAR, the heavy equipment maker, saw second-quarter profits rise 3 per cent to $446 million from a year ago but earnings per diluted share were lower than expected. The disappointing results came as Caterpillar accounted for the Perkins engine business acquired in March. Sales rose 15 per cent to $5.60 billion in the quarter. Earnings for the quarter were $1.20 a diluted share, up from $1.13 a year ago but below forecasts of $1.24. Caterpillar shares fell $2.50 to $53.75.

Elementis sells stake

ELEMENTIS, the speciality chemicals company, is selling its 50 per cent interest in Akcros Chemicals to Akzo Nobel, of The Netherlands, its joint venture partner, for £65.9 million. Total sales were £187.8 million in 1997 with operating profit of £9.4 million, of which the Elementis share was £4.7 million. The net loss on disposal after the write-back of £26 million of goodwill written off to reserves, transaction costs and tax, is £11.5 million. Proceeds will be used to reduce borrowings.

Springboard to £6.8m

A NEW company that helps executives into venture capital-backed business is to launch on the Alternative Investment Market in a float valued at £6.8 million. Springboard, set up by Stephen Ross, formerly a director of venture capital firm 3I, will employ executives "to complete their own management buyout, buy-in or early stage transactions." The proposed placing price for the shares is 125p and dealings are expected to start on July 22.

ECB chief on £152,000

THE head of the European Central Bank will earn almost £13,000 a month, the European Commission said. Asked about his salary, Wim Duisenberg, the bank's president, told the European Parliament that he would earn 40 per cent more than the best-paid EU official, at director-general level. The Commission said that would mean a monthly salary of Fr125,000 (£12,677, or £152,000 a year). His salary will exceed that of the EU President, which is 38 per cent more than that of a director-general.

Staveley fights demerger

STAVELEY INDUSTRIES, the holding company that has interests including British Salt, has urged shareholders to reject a call by Guinness Peat Group to break up the group. GPG, the investment group that is Staveley's second largest shareholder with 12.8 per cent, wants British Salt demerged into a separate company and a cash return to shareholders. GPG proposed the demerger last month after Staveley reported a 59 per cent drop in pre-tax profits to £8.8 million.

DTI clears Capital deal

CAPITAL RADIO, the commercial radio group, yesterday gained approval from the Department of Trade and Industry to buy Xfm, the fledgling London alternative rock station. The deal, which cost Capital about £18 million, comes after it was thwarted in its attempt to buy Virgin Radio by Chris Evans, the disc jockey and media entrepreneur. David Mansfield, Capital chief executive, said he would concentrate on developing Xfm's brand and continue to seek further acquisitions.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.71	2.54
Austria Sch	21.72	20.06
Belgium Fr	63.91	58.85
Canada $	2.552	2.364
Cyprus CypE	0.907	0.836
Denmark Kr	11.82	10.93
Egypt Pound	5.76	5.17
Finland Mrk	9.51	8.78
France Fr	10.34	9.56
Germany Dm	3.111	2.87
Greece Dr	517	478
Hong Kong $	13.51	12.31
Iceland	129	109
Ireland Pt	1.23	1.14
Israel Shk	6.37	5.71
Italy Lira	3081	2844
Japan Yen	244.09	228.56
Malta	0.677	0.618
Netherlds Gld	3.511	3.216
New Zealand $	3.25	3.02
Norway Kr	13.09	12.15
Portugal Esc	313.93	291.90
S Africa Rd	10.63	9.67
Spain Pta	281.41	242.62
Sweden Kr	13.93	12.83
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Selling England by the pound

COMMENTARY
by our City Editor

Christie's International. Rolls-Royce Motor Cars. The Savoy Hotel. Eastern Electricity. The Royal Automobile Club. These great British names are now under foreign ownership. This country's leading car makers are Japanese and German. Its leading shipbuilder is Norwegian. Most of the City is American or Swiss.

The Government, though, remains ever eager in its desire to win investment from abroad. Yesterday's annual inward investment figures contained a series of "records" that Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade (for now), understandably crowed about, given that some critics had expected a Labour Government to scare off potential investors.

The figures themselves are, however, more ambiguous. While overall investments rose strongly, first-time investment growth clearly slowed and the number of new jobs created actually fell. The Government explained this apparent contradiction as evidence that the UK is becoming a victim of its own success. Ten years of determined inward investment campaigning has after all resulted in many of the world's leading multinationals taking up residency in the UK. The fact that some 40 per cent of all UK manufacturing exports are now produced by foreign-owned operations suggests that the Government may be correct in this assertion. Mrs Beckett also claimed that the jobs fall reflected the fact that companies were now looking at the UK as location for quality investment rather than a dumping ground for cheap labour projects.

But while we can still attract inward investment while dilly-dallying about joining the euro, we seem to be dreadful at exploiting our own strong market position in industries we should dominate. Mrs Beckett will not have been happy to hear the Post Office bleating about not being able to invest in market opportunities in Europe. The world's most efficient postal system made £651 million profits last year, yet it is only allowed to invest £20 million a year in foreign projects and then only in £5 million lumps. Meanwhile the Dutch and German post offices, not to mention private companies such as UPS and DHL, eat into the profitable business end of the postal market.

What is the solution? The Government is not keen to give the Post Office full commercial freedom and is worried about privatisation. Maybe it should allow the Post Office to create a seperate company — *pace* the BBC — to exploit commerical possibilities. Otherwhise we will end up with out post delivered by the Dutch and our parcels by the Italians. And that will not be a happy state of events.

Conflicts among the bean counters

Apart from the awful name, the biggest problem facing the newly merged PricewaterhouseCoopers must be keeping track on all that is going on in the vast empire. Given that this will be the largest accounting group in the world, auditing a frightening number of the FTSE, the S&P 500 and any other index of leading companies you care to put your mind to, there will be all sorts of areas of conflict, where businesses who are dealing with one part of the organisation in the upmost confidence will be tripping over businesses dealing with another part of PwC.

Yesterday two classics of the genre emerged. The insolvency department of the former Price Waterhouse is the administrator of Facia Footwear, a business formerly run by the controversial South Yorkshire businessman, Stephen Hinchliffe. The administrators sued Mr Hinchliffe for about£40 million and obtained an injunction freezing his UK assets. So they would have been interested in him setting up a business to buy the assets of a collapsed mail order company, Freetime Sports. Who were the receivers of Freetime — Coopers & Lybrand. Under the newly merged PwC, no doubt the Freetime receivers would have found it difficult to deal with Mr Hinchliffe for fear of him breaching the injunction.

Meanwhile the British Horseracing Board has fired PwC as its auditor after a row about the firm's consultancy arm penning a damning report on the BHB's blueprint for racing. This actually occurred before the merger and invoved two different arms of Coopers & Lybrand. It seems that the consultancy side did not realise that the auditing side was actually working for the BHB. This seems crazy, but if you look at the length of the Coopers & Lybrand client list, your brain would find it difficult to store all the names. Imagine how much worse this is at PwC.

As organisations offering confidential services — such as accountants, lawyers or investment banks — grow, so does the potential for conflict. Expect frustrated professionals, tired of worrying about who is conflicting with whom, to leave these firms. In the future, small will become more beautiful.

Own goals by ITV

We all know where we were when David Batty missed that crucial penalty against Argentina. About 23 million of us were watching the match on ITV. And, it has now emerged, the adverts run in and around the game were at a massive discount to the usual ITV ratecard, as the ITV companies and their advertising sales houses completely bodged the selling of the airtime. According to research by The Billett Consultancy, which measures these sort of things, in the key demographic areas of 16 to 24-year-old males and ABC1 males (who you would expect to watch the World Cup), the average income received per head during June for ITV was 41 per cent down on May and 32 per cent down on June last year.

In effect ITV was delivering the audience but the advertisers were not paying good money for it. This is pretty worrying for the likes of Carlton, Granada and United News & Media, who effectively own ITV. They have been told by the advertisers to buck up their ideas, after ITV started losing market share to the BBC in the early-1990s. It responded but the advertisers are still loath to cough up.

The question is whether this is a short-term blip, or a long-term structural problem. Should ITV companies not accept that its share of the advertising cake is in decline, cut their spending on programmes and stop competing so hard for audiences?

Wetter than July

RAIN, rain go away. That brightness that came with Tuesday's inflation figures, dimmed with yesterday's average earnings data. The high street thought it could avoid another interest rate rise, but the hawks are in the ascendancy at the Bank of England. What price now another quarter-point increase to stop shoppers in their tracks? And still the weather fails to show any sign that we are actually in July.

Monsanto acquires seed business from Unilever for £320m

BY CARL MORTISHED, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS EDITOR

MONSANTO, the American agrochemicals group, has swooped into Britain to acquire another seed business, paying £320 million for Unilever's Plant Breeding International Cambridge (PBIC). The acquisition will bring Monsanto's genetic engineering technology to a leading British crop breeder.

The deal follows hard on the heels of the $1.4 billion (£857 million) purchase this month of Cargill's international seed business. That followed the $4 billion acquisition of DeKalb Genetics and Delta & Pine Land, making a total investment of some £3.7 billion in seed companies by Monsanto in less than six months.

City analysts raised their eyebrows at the price paid for the Unilever business which reflects a multiple of some 20 times sales. PBIC's profits were not disclosed but a source indicated that they were "single digit millions".

Monsanto is believed to have trumped rival bids from America's DuPont and Novartis of Switzerland.

The Unilever business was put up for sale in April as part of the Anglo-Dutch company's strategy to focus on consumer goods. PBIC produces improved crop varieties, in particular wheat, using conventional methods and last year had royalty revenues of £16 million. It also has breeding programmes for barley oil seed rape, beans, peas and potatoes.

Monsanto said yesterday that PBIC would bring it new wheat varieties, an area in which the US group lacks clout, as well as access to the UK market through PBIC's distribution network. Hugh Grant, co-president of Agriculture at Monsanto, said: "They are a leader in wheat and wheat is a key crop for us."

Monsanto also said that it would introduce its biotechnology skills to PBIC, using genetic engineering to develop disease resistant wheat varieties. However, it said: "The first cereal crops incorporating improvements from biotechnology are not expected to be commercialised in Europe until after 2003."

PBIC was formed by Unilever when it bought the assets of the Plant Breeding Institute and National Seed Development Organisation for £66 million in 1987.

Options for Asda staff

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

SOME 26,000 staff at Asda, the supermarket group, will be celebrating next week when they receive free shares worth an average of £900.

The staff have options which were granted three years ago at 96p a share and, with Asda's share price at 206p a share, a profit of 110p a share is on the cards. The shares, worth about £23 million in total, are set to be handed over next Friday. About 22,000 more staff are in line to receive free share options worth a quarter of their salary on the same day. The options will mature after three or six years.

Asda claims it operates Britain's biggest public company employee share ownership scheme. It said that by the end of this month 82 per cent of staff would be part of the scheme.

Strike at Utd Utilities

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

UNITED UTILITIES will next week be hit by strike action from unions in rows over soaring pay increases for its executives and personal contracts for employees.

Workers in the AEEU, GMB and Unison unions will stage a one-hour strike on the Friday — the day of the company's annual meeting. They believe that Derek Green, the chief executive, will then be in line for a 92 per cent pay rise including bonuses, while Bob Ferguson, finance director, is to get a 86 per cent jump. Last year Mr Green's full pay package was £410,000, while Mr Ferguson received £284,000.

No one from United Utilities was available for comment.



OEPC executives, from left, Paul Simpson, Barry Warwick and Stuart Simpson, have seen a 78 per cent rise in summer sales

Old English Pub gains against the trend

BY DOMINIC WALSH

OLD English Pub Company (OEPC) said yesterday that like-for-like sales were up 5.1 per cent compared with a year ago, dispelling trading fears prompted by profit warnings from Regent Inns and J D Wetherspoon.

OEPC, which yesterday unveiled the acquisition of 40 units for £44.4 million, said total sales in the three months to the end of June were 78 per cent ahead.

Barry Warwick, chief executive, admitted that poor weather and the World Cup had produced a slight dip in like-for-like sales, but he remained confident the fall in the share price would soon be reversed. Its recent £30 million rights issue flopped in the wake of Regent's woes, the shares dropping to 301p against the 330p issue price. Yesterday they rallied to close at 307½p.

As *The Times* reported on Tuesday, the group is buying seven Forte Heritage hotels for £12.5 million. 10 inns from Regal Hotel Group for £12.6 million and 23 other pubs and inns for a total of £19.3 million.

Thorn to pull the plug on ill-fated outlets in France

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM, RETAIL CORRESPONDENT

THORN, the struggling rentals group that last month agreed a £980 million bid from Nomura, is set to close its ill-fated Crazy George's stores in France.

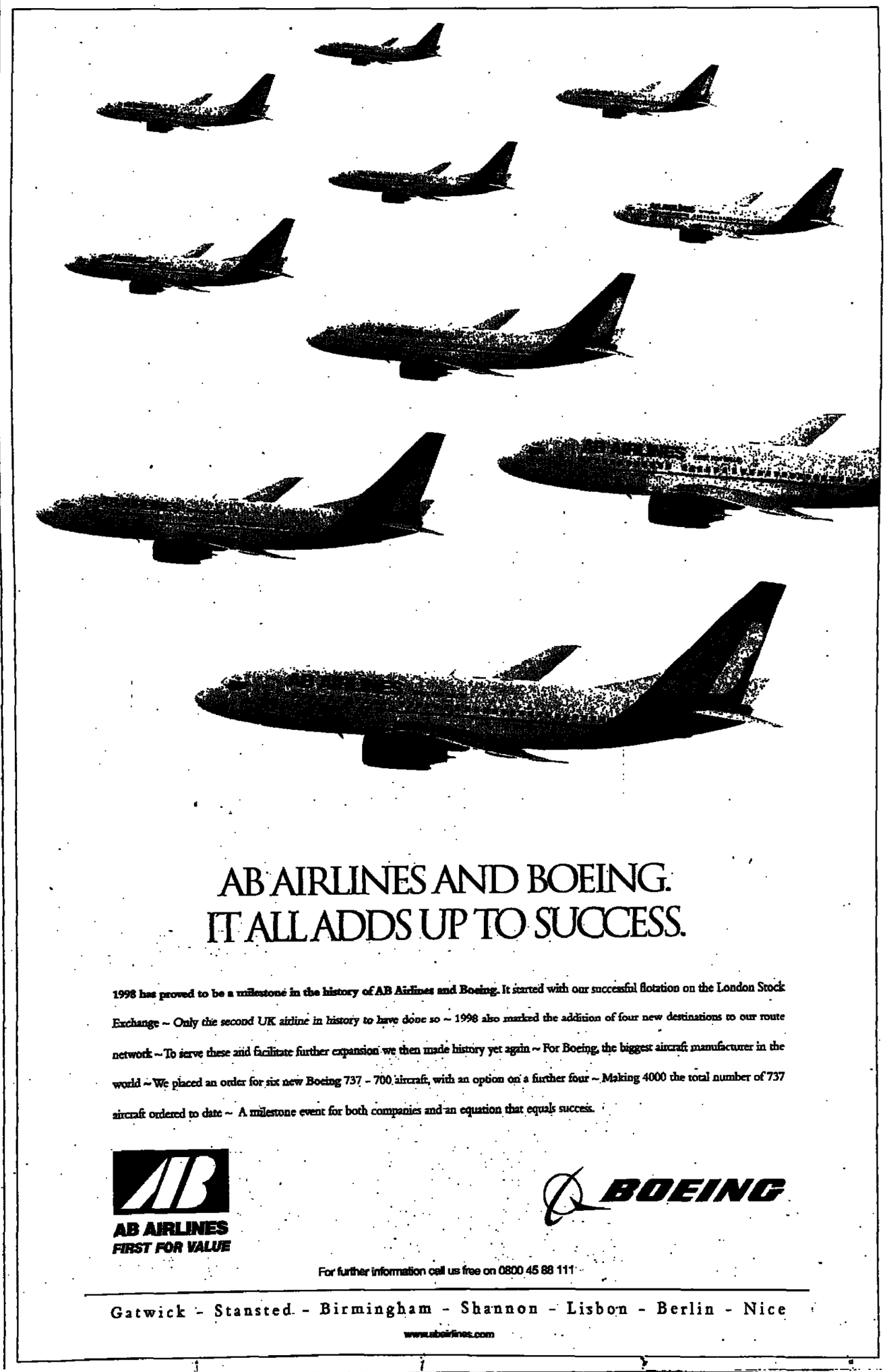
The opening of the first of the "rent-to-buy" stores at Bobigny near Paris in 1996 caused a storm of controversy when French politicians and welfare workers denounced the concept as immoral.

People who cannot get credit from normal sources can rent goods, including furniture and jewellery, from Crazy George's and, if they maintain payments, eventually own them. By that time, however, they will have paid far more than if they had bought the goods outright.

Thorn persisted in France despite the initial bad reception. It closed the Bobigny store for a week and then attempted to relaunch it. The company then opened another store at Le Havre. Neither ever made a profit and the total initial investment in France was at least £750,000. Staff and unions have this week been informed that the two stores will close by October.

Thorn, which is in the throes of selling all its overseas businesses, had been planning to roll out the Crazy George's chain, which has traded well in most of the UK, across Europe.

Hugh Jenkins, chairman of Thorn, which also owns the Radio Rentals business, told the annual meeting yesterday that turnover in the group's core business was down 1.6 per cent in the first quarter. UK domestic rental revenue was down 6.8 per cent.



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STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

Stock Market Writer of the Year

New York and Far East show London the way

CITY investors shrugged off fresh fears about the possibility of another rise in interest rates as share prices scaled new heights.

Strong gains overnight in New York and Far Eastern markets set the early pace in London where prices were marked sharply higher. This was in spite of the 5 per cent rise in average earnings during April, which once again raised the spectre of dearer money. It was the willingness of the private sector to succumb to increasingly high pay demands that prompted the Bank of England Monetary Policy Committee to vote eight to one in favour of last month's decision to raise rates.

Blue chips led the way higher with stock shortages again exaggerating the gains. The FTSE 100 index touched 6,179.8 before ending 51.3 up at a high of 6,151.5. The FTSE 250 index added 39.6 at 5,697.7 but smaller companies failed to benefit with the FTSE Smaller Cap ending just 4.8 up at 2,581.6. Total turnover was a meagre 863 million shares.

Once again financial issues were to the fore as buyers and stock shortages combined to drive prices higher. The overnight strength of Far Eastern markets lifted **HSBC** 13p to £15.95 and **Standard Chartered** 34½p to 708p. There were also gains for **Abbey National**, 21p to £11.62, **Bank of Scotland**, 22½p to 755, **Halifax**, 29p to 824p, **Lloyds TSB**, 18½p to 932½p, **NatWest Bank**, 10p to £11.90, and **Northern Rock**, 13p to 533p.

Elsewhere in financials, speculative buying was good for **Perpetual**, the fund manager, up 110p to £42.47½, and **M&G Group**, 32½p to £16.97½p.

Casino operators responded positively to moves by the Government to raise the limit of gaming machines and allow national advertising. It has also imposed a planning freeze on new casino buildings. **London Clubs International** rose 8½p to 165p, **Stanley Leisure** 20p to 300½p, and **Capital Group** 3p to 79½p.

There was heavy turnover in **British Telecom** with the price adding 14p at 817p as more than nine million shares changed hands. The decision of the US authorities to allow the MCI/WorldCom merger to go ahead will remove any remaining uncertainties about the deal and allow BT to take a profit on the sale of its stake in MCI. Société Générale Securities, the broker, has reiterated its "buy" stance, while Dresdner Kleinwort Benson is urging clients to "add" to holdings. MCI is expected to sell its Internet operation to **Cable & Wireless**, 32p up at 842p, in a deal expected to be worth about $2 billion (£1.2 billion). Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, the US securities house, is bullish of the stock and has set a target price of 935p.



British Telecom benefited from the news that it will be allowed to take a profit on the sale of its stake in MCI

It has also taken a shine to **British Energy**, one of the best performers in the top 100 companies yesterday with a rise of 30p at 587p on turnover of 6.17 million shares. It says the shares are worth at least 645p.

Colt Telecom continues to go from strength to strength with a leap of 252½p to £32.62½ ahead of a presentation for brokers later today.

Reuters continued to lose ground, falling 21½p to 644p ahead of results next week. Goldman Sachs, the US securities house, has given warning of a slowdown in earnings.

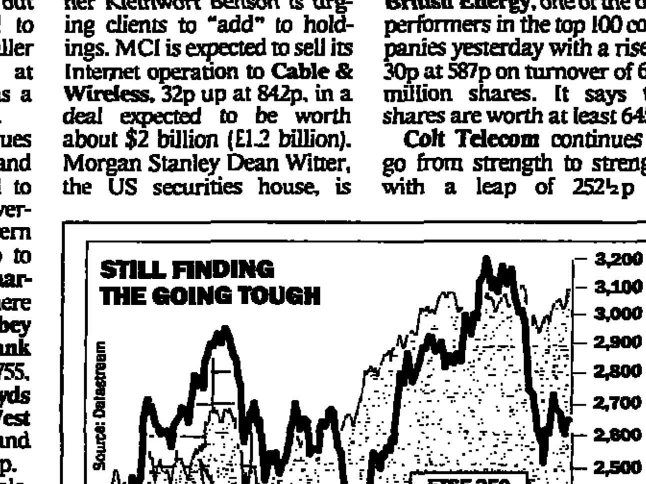
Next rallied 11p to 504p after Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, began to take a brighter view of prospects and upgraded its recommendation for the shares from "sell" to "hold". There was also support for **Signet Group**, 1½p firmer at 45¼p after a visit to the jeweller by SBC Warburg Dillon Read, the broker.

Courts (Furnishers) firmed 2½p to 367½p as investors continued to reflect on this week's £2.7 million acquisition of Burns Philp (Fiji) which operates ten stores in the islands. Contrary to a report earlier this week Courts directors have not been selling shares in the company.

Car Group continued to reel from last month's profits warning and this week's update on current trading conditions with the price dropping 17½p to 37p. The market for used cars remains difficult and the outcome for the year will depend on sales during July and August. The company is now undertaking a full review of its business model. The shares have dropped from a peak of 201½p this year.

Still upset by Tuesday's late profits warning **Cresco International** fell 22½p to 128½p.

The introduction of the new photocard driving licences will be good news for **Photo-Me International**, up 38½p at 372½p. At least 40,000 are expected to be issued each month.



BUYERS continued to concentrate their efforts on the top 100 with financial, oils and pharmaceuticals again making the running.

Second liners, including Britain's engineers, have found the going tough. The strong pound has made it difficult for them to compete abroad while the Far Eastern crisis has resulted in lost business. Yesterday Siebe rallied 28p to £11.80, British Steel 4¼p to 145¼p, and LucasVarity 3p to 246p. But Cookson retreated 3½p to 200p after cautious brokers comments with Johnson Matthey shedding 21¼p to 502¼p after giving warning that profits at its electronic materials arm were flat. Charterhouse Tilney has cut its forecast from £151 million to £146 million.

Nick Cunningham, at Salomon Smith Barney, says the best gains have been seen among the more liquid stocks. But he warns clients to steer clear of cyclical stocks where another round of earnings downgradings are forecast. "I am advising clients to invest in solid stocks. Those in defense and aerospace with a solid order book."

□ **GILT-EDGED:** The sharp rise in average earnings unnerved bonds and sent prices into retreat. The picture was further clouded by the minutes of last month's MPC meeting. Dealers say the news will serve to rekindle fears in the bond market that another rate rise is on the cards.

In the futures pit, the September series of the long gilt fell £0.52 to £108.43, while among conventional issues Treasury 7.25 per cent 2007 came off £0.46 at £109.86.

□ **NEW YORK:** Blue chip shares posted marginal gains and technology issues firmed as investors sifted through an uneven series of earnings reports. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was up 5.92 points at 9,251.46.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	9251.46 (+5.92)
S&P Composite	1176.94 (-0.64)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	16614.14 (+125.23)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	8456.22 (+277.29)
Amsterdam:	
AEX Index	1292.48 (+3.97)
Sydney:	
AO	2773.9 (+19.7)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	6108.24 (+12.96)
Singapore:	
Straits	1056.01 (+13.57)
Brussels:	
General	22236.08 (+78.17)
Paris:	
CAC-40	4344.30 (+87.95)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	1718.20 (+4.30)
London:	
FT 30	3981.8 (+25.5)
FTSE 100	6151.5 (+51.3)
FTSE 250	5697.7 (+39.6)
FTSE 350	2955.7 (+23.9)
FTSE Eurotop 100	3025.04 (+22.12)
FTSE All-Share	2873.60 (+22.21)
FTSE Non Financials	2916.36 (+18.07)
FTSE Fixed Interest	144.14 (Same)
FTSE Govt Secs	104.86 (-0.39)
Bargains	76687
SEAQ Volume	863.5m
US$	1.6325 (-0.0048)
German Mark	2.9445 (-0.0008)
Exchange Index	104.9 (Same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.4964
£:SDR	1.2344
RPI	163.4 Jun (3.7%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	161.1 Jun (2.8%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

AdVal Group	64½	- 2
Advance Dev Mkts	103	...
Anglo Siberian Oil	107½	...
Baldwin Inds Svs	125	...
Biocmptls Wts	13	+ 1
British Rgnl Air	159	- ½
CCM Distribution	11	...
City Gourmets	55	...
Coca-Cola Bevrges	181	...
Dresdner RCM End	99½	...
Dresdner RCM Inc	91½	+ 1½
Dresdner RCM Zero	101	...
ECsoft	2425	- 12½
Game	191	- 2½
HW	125½	- 2
Interior Services	135	...
JSB Software Techs	221½	- 1½
London Town Wts	45	...
Murray Financial	11½	...
Policy Master Grp	207½	- 1½
Quantica	138½	+ 2
Sports & Outdr Media	99½	+ 2
Touchstone Grp	139	+ ½
Tricorder Tech	95½	- 1
Williams Non Cum	34	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Cox Insrnce n/p (400)	87½	+ 7½
First Choice n/p (130)	26½	...
LEPCO n/p (40)	1½	...
Martin Intl n/p (36)	1	...
Oliver Group n/p (25)	½	...
Omnimedia n/p (60)	18½	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Powerscreen	91p (+10½p)
Stanley Leisure	300½p (+20p)
Shire Pharms	462½p (+28p)
Cable&Wire Coms	691p (+38½p)
Compass Gp	670p (+35½p)
Seton Scholl	782½p (+40p)
AB Food	600p (+30½p)
Fairey Gp	346p (+17p)
FALLS:	
Vanguard	267½p (-15p)
Chrarcter Gp	331½ (-13p)
Br Aerospace	463p (-17p)
WPP	446p (-13½p)
Reuters	644p (-17½p)

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TEMPUS

Trouble looming

THIS WEEK has seen the FTSE 100 break out of the 5,700 to 6,100 trading range in which it has smouldered for the last three months. Adding 200 points in two days, the Footsie is now in virgin territory. But does this represent a resumption of the strongly upward trend that has seen UK shareholders nearly double their money, with income reinvested, over the last three years? Or is this a final fling ahead of serious trouble in the equity markets?

The evidence from UK plc, sadly, points to the latter although much of the bearishness so far has come from the fringes. Better intelligence may come with today's trading statement from Marks and Spencer but with the June 30 period-end reporting season not far away, and expectations that corporate Britain will serve up broadly grim news, now is the time to think about locking in some profits. This week's bullishness provides a golden opportunity.

Yet strong flows of money into equity markets continue to underpin stock prices. Some companies' earnings may benefit from Government health and education spending plans, too. It is worth looking out for genuine stories, especially among smallcaps, which could benefit in niche ways from infrastructure spending, but it will be important to separate wheat from chaff.

Overall, the relaxation in public spending is more likely to be bad than good for the equity market, particularly if spending gets out of hand and the Government needs to borrow more. Rising gilt issuance would divert funds from equities, and probably push bond yields higher. That, too, could knock share prices.

First Tech

FIRST TECHNOLOGY would be a useful case study for a business school. It is a classic case of a small company using technological expertise to carve out a dominant share of niche markets.

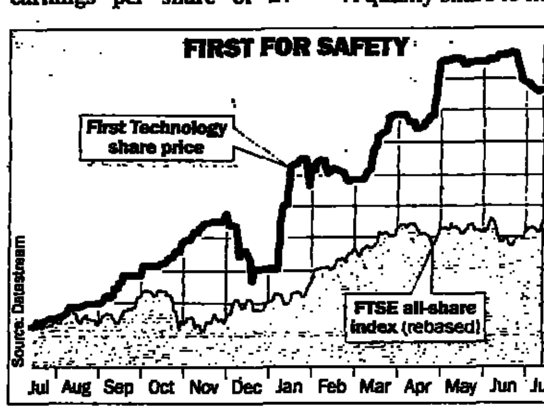
It is an electronics company whose aim is to make driving safer, and its rapid growth rates have been helped no end by pressures from regulators and demand from consumers.

Twenty years ago the company was small, unloved and disparate. It eventually focused on safety products for cars, launching the world's first, and still only, crash-activated fuel cut-off device. That bit of kit now accounts for the bulk of profits but its range of crash dummies makes it a worldwide leader. It is also in door lock sensors and fuel level monitoring and coming soon is an anti-rollover sensor and other crash alert systems.

Unsurprisingly, given the solidity of the First Tech proposition, the shares have rocketed from an equivalent of 10p in 1992 to 398p yesterday where they stand on an historic multiple to earnings per share of 24 falling to 22 this year, according to brokers Dresdner Kleinwort Benson.

If dummy sales take off in the second half, as they might following new US safety legislation, the ratio might be lower. In any case, there is every reason to have continuing confidence in the niche First Tech has found.

A quality share to hold.



Pressac

THE £63 million Pressac is paying for G Cartier looks full on the surface. But if Pressac can raise the group's productivity to the level it thinks it can and use its new relationships as a distribution network for its other products, it will prove to be a price worth paying. If successful, the deal will quickly boost Pressac's earnings.

Also positive for the group as a whole is Cartier's manufacturing capabilities in North Africa. The installations provide low-cost labour and management is likely to transfer more work there.

The focus on electronic switches for cars means that Pressac is in an industry estimated to grow by 8 per cent annually. This purchase also helps Pressac to meet demands that see carmakers wanting to cut down on the number of suppliers they deal with. Peugeot has already given the Cartier deal its approval.

There is risk in the fact that despite raising £60 million in a rights issue, gearing will jump from from 50 per cent to 75 per cent post deal as it takes on Cartier debt, and Pressac says it could peak at 85 per cent. Also, having three successful acquisitions under its belt, it could be that management is stretching itself too thinly.

Nonetheless, existing holders should subscribe to the rights and once the dust has settled others should considering buying.

Photo-Me

THE renaissance in Photo-Me International's share price is as remarkable as it is welcome. Up another 40p yesterday the shares have now come up from 151p to 374p this year. Last time shareholders in the passport photo booth operator enjoyed such a price was in 1993.

The cause of the joy is that thanks to new regulations requiring photos to be stuck on driving licences, the company can expect an extra £15 million or so worth of photo sales a year in Britain. About £1.5 million of this will be profit.

Photo-Me shares have also benefited from new features, such as the one that allows customers to have their pictures taken with a celebrity or cartoon character.

But profits have grown before, only to fade. It made more than £16 million in 1993 but that slumped to £10 million in 1997 because of extra competitition and the strength of sterling. The UK accounts for only a quarter of profits and the firm has too little control of its markets. Greig Middleton, the company's broker, forecast £15 million profits to April 1998 and scorched to £22.5 million this year. Whether this rise will continue thereafter is uncertain. On a prospective pe for 1999 of 19 the shares no longer look cheap.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Jul	1049-1031	Sep	unq
Sep	1062-1061	Dec	
Dec	1094 SLR	Mar	
Mar	1118 SLR	unq	
May	unq		
Jul	1149 BID		Volume: 3137

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	1524-1515	Mar	1536-1530
Sep	1542-1541	May	unq
Nov	1540-1536	Jul	
Jan	1536-1530		Volume: 2376

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	256.8-55.5
Spot: 254.7		May	260.2-58.0
Aug	256.5-55.5	Aug	263.2-60.5
Oct	250.0-49.4	Oct	263.7-60.5
Dec	252.9-51.7		Volume: 2804

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Average fatstock prices at representative markets on July 14

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	57.09	107.36	89.04
(+/-)	-3.89	-4.93	-1.46
Eng/Wales:	56.55	107.22	87.01
(+/-)	-3.94	-4.78	-1.25
(%)	-18.0	+14.0	+22.0
Scotland:	64.16	108.07	96.62
(+/-)	-5.81	-5.12	-1.85
(%)	+17.0	+19.0	+17.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	12.00	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Aug)	13.00	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Sep)	13.35	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	14.70	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	15.00	+0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	168 (+4)	170 (+4)
Gasoil EEC	117 (+2)	119 (+2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	60 (n/c)	62 (n/c)
Naphtha	22 (n/c)	135 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Aug	120.25-20.50	Nov	130.50-30.75
Sep	123.25-23.50	Dec	134.00-34.25
Oct	127.50-27.75		Vol: 18115

BRENT (6.00pm)

Aug	12.93-12.96	Nov	13.94-13.99
Sep	13.29-13.30	Dec	14.23-14.30
Oct	13.62-13.64		Vol: 74513

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

LIFFE WHEAT (close £/t)		LIFFE BARLEY (close £/t)	
Sep	71.90	Sep	69.50
Nov	74.15	Nov	72.75
Jan	76.00	Jan	74.75
Mar	78.00	Mar	76.75
May	79.90	May	78.15
Volume: 171		Volume: 0	

LIFFE POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	81.0
Mar		110.0
Apr	157.5	161.0
		Volume: 89

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Aug 48.25-48.75

LIFFE BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jul 98	835	835	835
Aug 98	830	825	825
Sep 98	unq	—	850
Oct 98	—	—	945
Vol: 34 lots		Open Interest: 2177	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1635.0-1636.0	1655.0-1656.0	2165625
Lead ($/tonne)	544.00-544.50	538.50-539.00	236675
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1043.5-1044.0	1069.0-1070.0	1078725
Tin ($/tonne)	5675.0-5685.0	5520.0-5525.0	38175
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1283.5-1284.5	1308.5-1309.0	2285075
Nickel ($/tonne)	4260.0-4265.0	4325.0-4330.0	122426

Rudolf Wolff

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
ASDA	200	6½	17	26	—	11	16½
(*206½)	220	—	8½	17	13½	22½	27½
Abbey Nat	1150	5½	81½	119½	—	66	84
(*1155½)	1200	—	59	94½	44½	93½	109½
AllSLeic	850	20½	74½	101½	—	46½	65
(*870½)	900	—	50	76½	29½	72	98
Alld Dom	550	2	35	46½	—	23½	37
(*552)	600	—	14½	25	48	54	67
BAA	650	22	55½	74	—	23½	35½
(*672)	700	—	32½	49	28	49	60½
BAT Ind	650	61	86½	108½	—	21½	34½
(*711)	700	11	58	81	—	42	56½
Barclays	1800	97½	176	229½	—	58½	81
(*1897½)	1900	—	120	176	2½	102½	126½
Bass	1069	11½	83	—	—	48½	—
(*1080½)	1100	—	67½	83½	19½	63½	86½
Boots	1000	37	95	120	—	33½	50
(*1037)	1050	—	66½	97½	13	56½	69½
Br Airways	650	29	70½	90	—	29	42
(*679)	700	—	45½	67	21	53	66
BP	850	9½	63	80	—	41½	59
(*859½)	900	—	40	65	40½	69½	84½
Br Steel	140	5½	17	21½	—	6½	10
(*145½)	160	—	8	13	14½	17½	21
C&W	800	41½	88	118	—	40	55
(*841½)	850	—	63	93½	8½	63	80
CU	1150	45	111½	147½	—	69½	81
(*1195)	1200	—	88	122½	5	90½	105½
GlaxoW	1800	73	174	242½	—	87½	133½
(*1873½)	1900	—	124	192½	27	137	173
HSBC	1500	98½	189½	240	—	79½	109½
(*1598½)	1600	—	139½	191½	1½	127½	157½
Halifax	800	17½	70½	96	—	48½	54
(*817½)	850	—	47	71	32½	71½	79½
ICI	950	33½	82	115	—	42	55½
(*983½)	1000	—	56½	89½	16½	65½	80
Land Sec	900	11½	59½	85½	—	33½	50½
(*911½)	950	—	33	59	39½	57½	73
M&S	500	38½	54	67½	—	10	16½
(*537½)	550	—	25	39	11½	29	37
Natl Pwr	550	3½	39½	54½	—	24½	33½
(*553½)	600	—	18	33½	46½	53	62
Nat West	1150	47½	105½	143½	—	51½	68
(*1197½)	1200	—	81½	118	2½	75½	92
Reed Intl	600	22½	55	73½	—	25	36
(*622½)	650	—	31½	49	27½	51	62
Reuters	588	56	82	—	—	20	—
(*644)	645	—	48½	—	1	42	—
RollsRoy	650	23½	63	88½	—	33	47
(*673½)	700	—	39½	63½	26½	59½	72½
Safeway	360	23½	43½	53	—	12	18
(*383½)	390	—	26	37½	6½	22½	31½
Sainsbury	500	47½	70	85	—	13½	22½
(*547½)	550	—	40½	57	2½	33½	43½
Shell	390	37½	42	51	—	8½	13½
(*417½)	420	—	23½	34	2½	20½	24
SmKl Bch	750	21½	74½	99	—	43	58
(*771½)	800	—	50	74½	29½	68½	83
Std Char	700	8	81	105½	—	66	80½
(*708)	750	—	53	82½	42	94	107
Thames W	1100	35½	96	124	—	36½	52
(*1125½)	1150	—	70	97	14½	60	74½
Vodafone	850	19	86	119	—	54	72½
(*869)	900	—	61½	94½	31	80	93½
Woolwich	324	21	37	—	—	13½	—
(*345)	354	—	21½	—	9	27½	—
Zeneca	2500	9	188½	262½	—	138	192
(*2509)	2600	—	138½	211½	91	191	242½
(*721½)	750	14½	43	63½	51½	72½	85
Redland	330	15½	—	—	½	—	—
(*345)	360	½	—	—	15½	—	—
R-Royce	260	16½	28½	38½	7½	17½	22
(*286½)	298	8	23	27	15½	28	31½
Tesco	183	17	24	25½	2½	7	10
(*195)	200	7½	15	20½	9	14½	17½
Utd Bisc	240	16½	22½	29½	3½	9½	14
(*251)	260	6½	13	19½	13	20	24

Series		Calls Aug	Nov	Feb	Puts Aug	Nov	Feb
BTR	152	18½	24½	—	2½	8½	—
(*167)	177	5½	13	—	14	21	—
Blue Circ	330	21	34½	43	9½	19	26
(*341)	360	7½	21½	29	25	35½	42
Br Aero	450	29½	53	—	15	29½	—
(*463)	475	16½	40½	—	27½	41½	—
Br Telcm	800	40	74	95½	23	49	66½
(*818)	850	17½	51½	72	57	76½	92½
Cadbury	900	61½	92½	119	16	37	48
(*939)	950	32½	66	93½	38	60½	72½
Carlton Cmc	550	35	58½	77½	14	30	36½
(*564)	600	13½	35½	53	42	57	62½
Diageo	729	65½	—	—	12½	—	—
(*777½)	787	31	—	—	36½	—	—
Energy Gp	800	41½	45½	—	—	—	—
(*840)	850	½	3	—	10½	10½	—
Gallaher	360	16½	27½	38	8	24	27½
(*365)	390	5	14½	23½	27	42½	45
GEC	500	54	69	85½	6	21	27½
(*548)	550	28	40½	53	25	43	50
Hanson	360	29	41	51½	4½	13½	18½
(*384)	390	10½	25½	35½	17½	32	[illegible]
Imp Tob	460	45	60	67	4	11½	20½
(*495)	500	18½	35½	44	16	22	38
Kingfshr	475	27	45	60	12	25½	31
(*499½)	500	15	32½	47½	24½	37½	42
Lasmo	240	25	35	33½	8	13	16½
(*244)	260	6½	18½	24	19	23½	27
Ladbroke	300	26½	39½	41	6½	16	22
(*318)	330	10½	23½	32½	21	31	37½
Lucasvty	240	14½	24½	31½	[illegible]	14½	19
(*245½)	260	6	15½	22½	18½	24½	30
P&O	950	50½	78	103	16	39	49½
(*979½)	1000	23	51½	76½	33	63½	73½
Prudentl	850	62½	95	122½	21½	48	63
(*890)	900	33½	70	97½	43½	72½	87½
Rio Tinto	700	35½	64½	86	22½	44	57½

Series		Calls Sep	Dec	Mar	Puts Sep	Dec	Mar
BG	360	27	39½	50½	12	21	25½
(*372)	390	13½	25½	36	28	36½	42
BSkyB	460	46	61	66	7½	15½	23½
(*495½)	500	21½	37½	42½	23½	31½	41½
Br Gas	30	9	11	12½	3½	5½	6½
(*32)	35	7	9½	11½	6½	8½	9½
Centrica	100	12½	16½	20½	2½	4	5½
(*106½)	110	6½	11	15½	7	9	10
Dixons	550	52	52	67	24	34½	42½
(*562½)	600	13	32½	45½	55	62½	71
EMI	500	35	53½	68	29½	43½	54
(*506½)	550	15½	33½	48½	61	74	83½
Granada	1100	62½	97	118½	41	62½	77
(*1109½)	1150	40½	73	93	68	85½	101½
GUS	750	43	67	86	37½	48	57½
(*757)	800	25	42½	58	61	76½	85½
Lloyds TSB	900	74	112	127½	37½	59	78½
(*936)	950	45	87½	113	62½	83½	102½
Lonrho	250	18	—	—	14½	—	—
(*[illegible])	[illegible]	[illegible]	—	—	[illegible]	—	—
Norwich	460	44	62	75½	15½	25	33½
(*484)	500	24	45½	57½	34½	45½	52½
Orange	650	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(*663)	700	36½	54	80½	66	82	96
Railtrack	1500	135	139	241	53	94½	128
(*1561½)	1600	83	148	192	94½	145½	179
Scot Pwr	550	64	93½	95	13½	26	32
(*597½)	600	34½	62	72½	31	46	54½
Tarmac	110	12	17½	21½	4½	7½	10
(*122½)	120	7½	12½	17½	8	11	12½
Tomkins	330	25½	34½	41	8	14½	18½
(*349½)	360	11	21½	26½	25	30	34
Unilever	650	53	72½	90½	21½	33½	43
(*673)	700	26	47	65	47	58	67½

July 15 Total: [illegible] Calls: [illegible] Puts: [illegible]

FTSE INDEX (*6142½)

Strike	Calls Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Dec	Puts Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Dec
5950	193	292	359	425	—	1	78½	124½	163	—
6000	145	254	321½	390	509½	3	91½	139½	175½	221½
6050	99	218½	290½	355	—	7	107½	159	191	—
6100	60	187½	258½	321½	442	17	128	177½	209½	251½
6150	30	157	232	294	—	35½	149	201	229½	—
6200	12	128	201	267	379½	67½	172½	222	256	300
6250	3	106	176½	239½	—	111½	207	249½	283	—
6300	1	84	153½	212½	325	161	231½	274½	304½	350½

July 15 Total: 8665 Calls: 5715 Puts: 2950

*Underlying security price

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
Long Gilt	Sep 98	108.95	109.16	108.28	108.44	96720
Previous open interest 137318	Dec 98	108.56	108.56	108.56	108.54	60
German Govt Bond (Bund)	Sep 98	108.70	108.82	108.60	108.78	5852
Previous open interest 67443	Dec 98	108.01	108.06	108.01	108.13	200
Five Year Gilt	Sep 98	103.42	103.42	102.94	102.98	256
Previous open interest 2639	Dec 98					0
Italian Govt Bond (BTP)	Sep 98	120.74	120.78	120.60	120.73	21111
Previous open interest 102913	Dec 98	106.98	107.00	106.98	107.00	407
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Sep 98	132.00	132.07	131.97	132.03	1806
	Dec 98	131.75	131.75	131.75	131.77	50
Three Mth Sterling	Sep 98	92.250	92.280	92.130	92.150	61843
	Dec 98	92.330	92.370	92.180	92.210	72550
Previous open interest 1020718	Mar 99	92.500	92.560	92.350	92.380	55041
Three Mth Euromark	Sep 98	96.395	96.395	96.380	96.395	27609
Previous open interest 2411163	Dec 98	96.165	96.170	96.150	96.170	20811
Three Mth Eurolira	Sep 98	95.550	95.550	95.530	95.540	12006
Previous open interest 706989	Dec 98	96.090	96.100	96.080	96.080	2948
Three Mth Euroswiss	Sep 98	97.810	97.850	97.790	97.640	13082
Previous open interest 205096	Dec 98	97.610	97.660	97.600	97.640	4395
Three Mth Euro	Sep 98	95.880	95.890	95.880	95.890	320
Previous open interest 32281	Dec 98	96.115	96.115	96.115	96.120	100
FTSE 100	Sep 98	6165.0	6230.0	6160.0	6189.0	28169
Previous open interest 173791	Dec 98	6285.0	6285.0	6285.0	6285.0	100

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 7½ Finance Hse 8

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7½ Low 6½ Week fixed: 7[illegible]

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 7[illegible]; 3 mth 7[illegible]. Sell: 2 mth 7[illegible]; 3 mth: 7[illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Overnight: open 7[illegible], close 7[illegible].					
Local Authority Deps:	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.56	n/a	5.58	5.63	5.70
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4-3
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $292.45-292.85 Close: $292.70-293.20 High: $293.60-294.10 Low: $294.45-294.85 AM: $292.90 PM: $293.15

Krugerrand: $293.50-295.50 (£179.50-181.50)

Platinum: $383.00 (£233.75) Silver: $5.315 (£3.245) Palladium: $300.00 (£183.10)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for July 15	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.3085-3.3290	3.3188-3.3213	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Brussels	60.510-60.920	60.669-60.784	23-18pr	67-60pr
Copenhagen	11.179-11.251	11.217-11.226	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Dublin	1.1644-1.1752	1.1697-1.1719	14-7pc	47-38pr
Frankfurt	2.9350-2.9529	2.9440-2.9468	1-1pr	[illegible]pr
Lisbon	300.26-302.19	301.16-301.47	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Madrid	249.05-250.54	249.79-250.08	70-60pr	221-202pr
Milan	2976.7-2914.60	2902.6-2904.7	69-53pr	219-197pr
Montreal	2.4179-2.4319	2.4237-2.4257	0.57-0.51pr	1.14-1.05pr
New York	1.6324-1.6392	1.6332-1.6340	0.263-0.242pr	0.848-0.817pr
Oslo	12.470-12.530	12.479-12.494	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Paris	9.8340-9.8990	9.8711-9.8792	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Stockholm	13.072-13.165	13.121-13.136	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Tokyo	229.26-230.71	229.26-229.54	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Vienna	20.646-20.778	20.711-20.732	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Zurich	2.4704-2.4877	2.4751-2.4780	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.6025-1.6038
Austria	12.67-12.68
Belgium (Com)	37.16-37.20
Canada	1.4850-1.4855
Denmark	6.8655-6.8675
France	6.0420-6.0440
Germany	1.8023-1.8028
Hong Kong	7.7491-7.7496
Ireland	1.3931-1.3981
Italy	1777.2-1777.5
Japan	140.55-140.65
Malaysia	4.1400-4.1500
Netherlands	2.0320-2.0325
Norway	7.6415-7.6475
Portugal	184.39-184.49
Singapore	1.6945-1.6965
Spain	152.67-152.77
Sweden	8.0308-8.0358
Switzerland	1.5186-1.5196

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6363-1.6388
Australia dollar	2.6229-2.6263
Bahrain dinar	0.6085-0.6245
Brazil real*	1.9005-1.9032
China yuan	13.390-13.704
Cyprus pound	0.8520-0.8730
Finland markka	8.8900-9.0340
Greece drachma	482.75-494.15
Hong Kong dollar	12.6853-12.6938
India rupee	68.80-70.60
Indonesia rupiah	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4955-0.5085
Malaysia ringgit	6.7772-6.7977
New Zealand dollar	3.1252-3.1313
Pakistan rupee	74.35 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8850-6.0190
Singapore dollar	2.7739-2.7789
S Africa rand (com)	n/a
U A E dirham	5.9375-6.0745

Barclays Treasury * *Lloyds Bank*

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	2,142	Lloyds TSB	11,918
ASDA Gp	3,380	LucasVarity	4,035
Abbey Ntl	4,093	Marks Spr	5,851
Allied Dom	1,534	Misys	256
Allnce & Leic	2,321	Nat Grid	3,898
Amvescap	811	Nat Power	2,161
AB Foods	727	NatWst Bk	4,753
Bk of Scot	2,671	Nrwch Un	10,054
BAA	6,838	Nycmd Amr	439
Barclays	3,724	Orange	2,867
Bass	1,498	P & O	1,313
BAT Inds	11,859	Pearson	1,023
BG	5,092	PowerGen	1,572
Billiton	2,342	Prudential	5,105
Blue Circle	3,380	Railtrack	1,138
BOC	1,868	Rank Group	2,432
Boots	1,172	Reckitt Col	1,217
BAe	4,060	Reed Intl	2,924
BA	3,993	Rentokil	5,414
Brit Energy	6,170	Reuters	7,615
Br Land	2,994	Rio Tinto	1,744
BP	11,171	RMC	345
Brit Steel	12,265	Rolls Royce	4,663
BSkyB	4,116	Ryl & Sun	12,247
BT	11,033	Ryl Bk Sct	1,129
BTR	6,467	Safeway	2,998
CGU	3,358	Sainsbury	2,818
Cable Wire	9,357	Schroders	133
Cadbury	1,488	Scot & New	1,650
Carlton Cms	1,042	Scot Power	4,410
Centrica	8,342	Svrn Trent	242
Compass Gp	1,916	Shell Trans	7,157
Diageo	7,077	Siebe	4,749
EMI	1,369	Smiths Ind	446
Enterpr Oil	1,843	SmKl Bch	7,308
Gen Elec	4,205	Stagecoach	582
GKN	1,763	Std Chard	5,236
Glaxo Well	6,241	Sun Life	294
Granada	2,803	Tesco	10,619
GUS	2,071	Thames W	810
GRE	2,109	Tomkins	9,266
ICI	3,375	Unilever	9,204
HSBC	5,092	Utd News	1,526
Halifax	6,684	Utd Utilities	2,976
Hays	2,930	Vodafone	12,508
Kingfisher	5,076	WPP	1,111
Ladbroke	3,981	Whitbread	956
Land Secs	1,818	Williams	2,649
LASMO	1,245	Woolwich	2,657
Legal & Gn	3,358	Zeneca	1,956

WALL STREET

	Jul 15 midday	Jul 14 close
AMP Inc	31	31
AMR Corp	87	89
AT & T	58	57
Abbott Labs	44	45
Advanced Micro	16	16
Aetna Life	79	80
Ahmanson (HF)	73	75
Air Prod & Chem	37	38
AirTouch Comm	59	59
Albertson's	52	52
Alcan Alumnm	26	26
Allied Signal	44	44
Alum Co of Am	71	68
Amerada Hess	55	53
AEP	44	44
Amer Express	115	117
Amer Genl Corp	73	74
Amer Home Pr	51	50
Amer Ind	148	151
Amer Online	119	120
Amer Stores	24	24
Amer Standard	44	44
Ameritech	47	47
Amgen	71	69
Amoco	41	40
Andrew Corp	17	17
Anheuser-Busch	49	48
Apple Computer	33	33
Archer Daniels	18	18
Armco	6	6
Armstrng Wrld	65	65
Asarco	23	23
Atl Richfield	74	73
Atmel Corp	12	12
Auto Data Pro	73	73
Avery Dennison	58	58
Avon Products	85	84
Baker Hughes	30	30
Baltim Gas & El	31	30
Banc One	60	61
BankAmerica	98	99
Bank of NY	65	66
Bankers Tr Crp	120	122
Bausch & Lomb	46	46
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Bectn Dicknsn	86	86
Bell Atlantic	45	45
BellSouth	66	66
Best Foods	58	59
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Boise Cascade	31	32
Boston Scien	73	74
Bristol Myrs Sq	121	122
Browning Ferris	38	37
Brunswick	22	22
Burlington Nthn	100	101
CMS Energy Corp	43	43
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Campbell Soup	55	54
Carolina Pwr	42	42
Case Corp	45	45
Caterpillar	52	56
Central & SW	26	26
Champion Intl	46	47
Chase Manhtn	75	75
Chevron Corp	81	82
Chrysler	54	57
Chubb Corp	86	88
Cigna Corp	72	74
Citicorp	174	176
Clorox	95	97
Coastal Corp	33	33
Coca Cola	88	87
Coca Cola Ent	40	40
Colgate-Palm	[illegible]	[illegible]
Columbia Energy	55	55
ColumbiaHCA	[illegible]	[illegible]
Compaq Comp	32	31
Comp Ass Intl	57	55
Conagra	26	26
Cons Edison	45	45
Cons Nat Gas	54	54
Cooper Inds	55	55
Corning Inc	33	34
C'wide Credit	53	54
Crestar Finl	61	[illegible]
Crown Cork	45	45
Daimler Bz ADR	96	98
Dana Corp	52	53
Dayton Hudson	52	52
Deere	47	48
Dell Computer	109	107
Delta Air Lines	140	142
Deluxe Corp	36	36
Dillard Dept St	36	38
Disney (Walt)	39	39
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Donnelley (RR)	46	47
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Dow Chemical	96	96
Dow Jones	57	57
Dresser	41	40
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Eastman Chem	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eastman Kodak	81	73
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Elect Data Sys	37	36
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Ethyl Corp	5	5
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FDX Holding	65	66
FMC Corp	65	66
FPL Group	61	62
Fifth Third Banc	66	65
Fleet Finl Grp	86	85
Fluor Corp	46	46
Ford Motor	59	60
Fort James	41	42
Fortune Brands	39	39
Franklin Res	48	49
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Gap Inc Del	66	66
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Gen Reinsurance	255	257
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Intel Corp	82	80
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Kmart	16	17
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Lilly (Eli)	64	65
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Lincoln Nat	91	93
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Louisiana Pac	17	17
Lucent Tech	89	[illegible]
MCI Comm	65	64
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Marketspan Cp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Marriott Intl A	32	32
Marsh & McLen	[illegible]	[illegible]
Masco Corp	31	32
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Merrill Lynch	[illegible]	[illegible]
Microsoft	117	116
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NY Times A	40	[illegible]
Newmont Mng	21	22
Nike B	49	49
NL Industries	[illegible]	20
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Norfolk Sthrn	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Norwest Corp	39	[illegible]
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Polaroid	35	34
Procter & Gmbl	91	93
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Quaker Oats	53	54
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Royal Dutch	53	[illegible]
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Schering Plough	103	103
Schlumberger	[illegible]	67
Seagram	40	40
Sears Roebuck	59	58
Shell Trans	41	40
Sherwin Wlms	34	34
Silicon Graphics	13	13
Snap-On-Tools	36	36
Southern Co	26	27
Southtrust	41	42
Sprint Corp	74	74
Stanley Works	42	40
Starwood H & R	47	47
Sun Company	38	38
Sun Microsys	46	46
Suntrust	[illegible]	[illegible]
Supervalu	46	46
Synovus Fin	24	24
Sysco Corp	25	25
TRW Inc	55	56
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Temple Inland	53	53
Tenet Healthcare	29	29
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Time Warner	[illegible]	91
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US Inds	19	19
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VF Corp	47	50
Venator Group	17	17
Wal-Mart Stores	66	66
Warner-Lambert	77	78
Waste Mngmt	38	39
Wells Fargo	[illegible]	[illegible]
Weyerhaeuser	44	45
Whirlpool	[illegible]	[illegible]
Whitman	22	22
Winn Dixie	40	[illegible]
Witco Corp	27	[illegible]
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	98	99
Xerox	107	[illegible]
Zions Inc	26	[illegible]

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Pope Gordon's tablets of stone

Public spending has long been a forbidden cabbala even to those who are otherwise well-informed and literate in economics, politics or management. The secrets were vouchsafed only to a Whitehall elite. The mystique made them a priestly caste and created enduring Whitehall power, the cult of Sir Humphrey.

Gordon Brown's reforms, culminating in Tuesday's comprehensive spending review, re-organise the priesthood. But they ensure that the way taxpayers' money is spent will remain a mystery to us. The mystery may even be deeper. The reforms will stifle debate, not stimulate it.

Giving departments firm budgets for three years is a great step forward for efficient management. But it is not long-term planning in the business sense. If that had been the case, the three-year plan would have been a rolling one, with a new year added on as the first one is worked through. Rather, it is an exercise in project management. The project is Labour's election programme, which the budgets are to fund. No more and no less. The truly radical change is that Mr Brown, his ministers, civil servants and cronies will monitor, co-ordinate and control the spending of these funds to complete this project in the time allotted. It must be on track and to cost for the next election, followed by a new programme and review/project.

In 1964, the old incoming new Labour Government distrusted the Whitehall priesthood so much that it set up a parallel Department of Economic Affairs to bypass the Treasury, Whitehall's equivalent of the Vatican. That sortie, led by an earlier Mr Brown, was quickly seen off come the first financial crisis. The DEA and its National Plan were simply junked.

Our Mr Brown has been more subtle. The Chancellor has staged a *coup d'etat* in the Treasury. He has enhanced its power, turning Britain into a fiscal theocracy. But he has made himself the high priest, served by his own cupbearers. The civil servants who applauded him up the steps have been relegated in the hierarchy.

In corporate terms, the constant frustration of management plans by the finance director has been solved by making the finance director also managing director.

This pattern is all too common in business, if not always creative. In government, it is a peculiar novelty, depending on a particular set of people and circumstances. Tony Blair's relations with his erstwhile ally/rival allow him to play the role of chairman to Mr Brown's managing director. Labour MPs join the fan club of whichever they think more powerful. The two are so far ahead of cabinet colleagues that the latter are, in effect, just chief executives of subsidiaries.



Much has already been made of the risks of inflexible three-year spending budgets, especially as little appears to have been left for contingencies. They are possible because Mr Brown thinks he is master of events. That confidence depends on a thumping parliamentary majority. Whatever events throw up, whatever new initiative the public clamours for, the government can stick doggedly to its programme. At least, that's the theory. It would not wash on a post-election majority of 10.

This is a rather European style of democracy. We vote every five years for a programme, then leave the details to Gordon. In reality, Labour's programme had a largely passive influence on the last election, which was dominated by our desire to be rid of the Tories.

Few voters would like the idea that their views meant nothing until the next election. But it will be virtually impossible to debate spending priorities in anything but crude, general terms. With application, the detailed meaning hidden in public spending papers can usually be found. But the issue will soon be fogged by a plethora of other figures, which can be quoted to prove that we are spending more, or less, expanding or contracting in money or real terms, faster or slower than the economy. We read and hear it every time local councils set their budgets.

Public spending figures are intended to be as voluminous, complex and opaque as possible. More than any other, these are the statistics that are worse than damn lies. Are the costs of the state pension ruining us or have they been cut to fund other programmes? Is the defence budget rising, or being cut? Is £40 billion a lot or a little? Are we putting lots into health to provide a world-class service or are we skimping in comparison with other countries? Choose the answer you want and there are figures to back it.

Genuine public choice about spending requires a simple framework. There is one. Public spending can take 40 per cent of national income, give or take cyclical spending on unemployment pay and the like. If the war on poverty can be won, saving on welfare benefits, we can choose between cutting taxes and spending more on other things. Meanwhile, we have to choose between programmes up to a total of 40 per cent.

If we know what proportion of national income is spent on each programme (rather than departmental budget), down to thousandths of gross domestic product, we can make comparisons with other countries, decide where we want to put more or less of our effort, against a norm of raising spending in line with living standards. The choices will be just as hard, but can be open.

In his Commons speech, Mr Brown encouragingly referred to the percentage of national income spent on, say, education because it suited him to do so. The papers eschewed this, proffering the usual random mix of cash, inflation-adjusted figures and percentage changes. Knowledge is power and must remain in the Treasury.

Implant cases show need to find cure for US legal system



AMERICAN AGENDA
BRONWEN MADDOX



Jama Russano, one of the thousands of women who have been involved in the long-running battle with Dow Corning over breast implants. The company has agreed a $3.2 billion, approximately £2 billion, settlement with 170,000 women worldwide who claim to have been hurt or made ill after having had silicone breast implants

For a decade, women with breast implants that went wrong have filled American courtrooms, saying that if they had known of the risks they would never have had the operation. Dow Corning, once the largest manufacturer of silicone implants in the world, feels the same way: if only it had never got involved.

This month it has looked as if the saga is drawing to a close, with Dow Corning agreeing a $3.2 billion (£2 billion) settlement with 170,000 women worldwide who claim to have been hurt or made ill. Yet the case remains one of the most unsettling to emerge from the US civil courts.

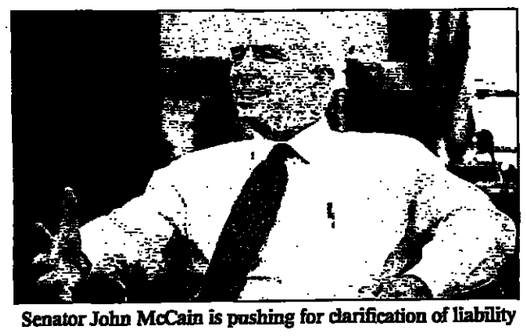
In essence, a company was forced into bankruptcy for selling, under full licence from the Food and Drug Administration, a product that has yet to be scientifically proven to cause harm. The case shows the threat that the US legal system now poses to scientific research, to the introduction of new products to the market and to corporate growth. However much weight is placed on the need to protect the individual, it is hard not to feel that the balance has shifted too far, to the point where the risk of lawsuits jeopardises choice and prosperity.

From the start, the case seemed to arouse higher passions than many other product liability cases. Traditional feminists embraced it as a rallying cause, arguing that society made women feel bad about their bodies; companies "exploited" this feeling; their products made women ill. Against that runs the current of an older morality tale — that vanity may be punished — coupled with the brisk ethic of personal responsibility. The refrain of this camp is that women chose to inflict a risky procedure on themselves and should accept the consequences.

It was not surprising, then, that the settlement has pleased almost no one. Under the framework agreement, Dow Corning will pay $3.2 billion to thousands of women who claim to have suffered after silicone-gel breast implants. The average payment is reported to be $31,000.

Many of the complaints about the outcome are unfounded. For a start, some commentators portrayed the case as an illustration of the well-known problems faced by courts in assessing conflicting scientific evidence. It was no such thing. The judge assembled, much more rapidly than in many comparable cases, a weight of scientific testimony pointing in one direction.

There is no doubt that implants cause what the court coyly called "local" problems — hardening of the breasts, inflammation, soreness. There is evidence that they leaked and split more often than the manufacturers had acknowledged. But the plaintiffs did not establish their claim that silicone causes a wide range of "autoimmune" diseases, with symptoms including arthritis and constipation. About 20 peer-reviewed studies published in respected scientific journals have failed either to establish a causal relationship, either by explaining a mechanism, or by epidemiological evidence.



Senator John McCain is pushing for clarification of liability

It is also wrong to lament that the case did not establish scientific truth, and that it left the public "in the dark", as some newspaper editorials complained. Establishing the full truth, let alone resolving questions at the leading edge of science, is not the purpose of the legal system. It is simply a reflection of the commercial value of the case that both sides found it worthwhile to commission or assemble so much scientific evidence.

Nor is it surprising that the case resulted in a large settlement. In the US it is often cheaper to settle lawsuits, even if they have little foundation. Dow Corning reckoned that it would cost $1 million to fight and win each of the remaining 19,000 cases.

But more than most product liability cases, the Dow Corning settlement shows the threat to US consumers and companies from the civil legal system. Companies have increasingly powerful reasons not to sell medical devices or drugs in the US. The FDA has every reason to tighten its licensing procedures, even if that delays the launch of potentially life-saving drugs.

There are a few reasons for hope. A Senate Bill may clarify companies' liability for their products. But its chances of success are slim. Product liability and tort reform are like campaign finance: perpetually on the congressional "must-do" list, repeatedly picked up and dropped until they lose any promise of bringing political glory to the sponsor.

There are signs too that the courts also recognise the need to clarify these issues. A recent Supreme Court decision about lawsuits over the morning-sickness drug Bendectin, alleged to cause birth defects, concluded that judges are supposed to exercise aggressive control over admission of scientific evidence to the court.

These are, though, a long way from steps that would make a real difference. That is unlikely until federal regulation is allowed to provide real protection from lawsuits — until the possession of an FDA licence is taken to mean that a company has, to the best of its ability, established that the product is not harmful. It should also be possible for the FDA to withdraw a product from the market, in the light of scientific evidence, without immediately opening the company to a wave of lawsuits.

The rights of an individual to sue for compensation are so firmly established in the US that it is hard to imagine Congress withdrawing them, and deferring to a federal agency. But the threat is that the excesses of the US civil legal system deprive Americans of products that they want.

At the cutting edge of human resources

The concept of self-service has revolutionised many areas of business. Now, it is coming to an office near you, in the form of automated human resources departments. About 50 large companies in Britain are thought to be trying such systems, including Volkswagen, the German carmaker.

One of the biggest tests of human resources departments comes when the summer holiday season begins. Keeping track of how much time off employees take, compared with how much they are actually allowed, is a laborious process.

It's easy to imagine the cartoon lightbulbs popping up above the heads of Chief Anoraks at software groups such as Compel, Cyborg and PeopleSoft, when asked to solve this problem. Their solution was to create electronic holiday forms, which employees could fill in themselves.

By using internal computer networks — in other words, intranets — it becomes possible for staff to update and manage their own personnel records. It is, after all, generally in employees' best interests for company records to be correct. Such self-service software also abolishes the need for easily lost paperwork.

Large companies, or those with a lot of contract or temporary staff, would probably gain most from such software. Much more information than just holiday allocation can be input by employees, such as details of absences, salary and training. If this is held on databases, it becomes much easier for companies to access and analyse it. This allows companies to forward-plan efficiently, ensuring that three quarters of the staff have not booked three weeks in Corfu at the same time.

There are, however, sensitive issues raised by human resources technology. The most important is perhaps employee confidentiality, which can be threatened if companies are careless with the way they handle information. However, this can be overcome by passwords, and by limiting the amount of information that can be viewed by employees on the company intranet.

Such technology will probably lead to cost cutting in human resources departments, although the quality of work should improve. Instead of pushing paper around, human resources managers should have extra time for more important issues, such as recruitment and training.

□ THE estate agent profession looked under threat this week when Microsoft, the US software giant, bulldozed into the property market with an online homebuying service. HomeAdvisor — currently free to use — has been launched in the US, and bills itself as "a comprehensive guide to finding homes and loans online". Users are given a rough guide to the process of buying a house, and information on everything from schools to crime rates in different areas. The web site provides home listings and pictures, and allows visitors to specify their criteria: when a suitable house comes on the market, they are automatically e-mailed. In another part of the site, visitors can qualify for a mortgage within 15 minutes. Microsoft uses content from property journals to answer about 3,000 questions.

THE ICE BOX
THE HOT NEWS ON INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION AND ENTERTAINMENT

□ SALES of digital camcorders, which give high picture quality and the ability to edit home movies on personal computers, have finally taken off, according to a report out this week. Sales in Europe, Japan and the US are in line to total two million units, worth $3.1 billion (£1.9 billion) in 1998, against 1.4 million units worth $2.7 billion last year.

CHRIS AYRES

Snapped up

THE number of successful journalists-turned-entrepreneurs could be counted on the fingers — well, there's Stephen Hargrave, and Stephen Hargrave ... Now here comes an even rarer breed, the successful newspaper photographer-turned-entrepreneur. Stewart Goldstein will share as much as £5 million with Stuart Maister, a former TV reporter, now they have sold their twin businesses to MediaLink Worldwide. Goldstein founded Eye Catchers in 1989. He provides pictures to newspapers for a variety of blue-chip corporate clients including BT, Barclays, BA, NatWest and Nationwide.

He has a reputation as a hard worker. But you have to meet the average snapper, generally a scruffy, somnolent type in out-at-the-knee corduroys lounging up against a wall waiting for something to happen, to appreciate how remarkable a transformation he has achieved.



It had been a good day, thought Pat, as he drove his new Rolls-Royce off the forecourt

WHITBREAD'S Hogshead Pub Company kicked off the Belgian Beer Week at its City pub in America Square last night. Belgium makes something like 650 different brews out of cherries, mussels, old antimacassars and anything else that comes to hand, as I know to my cost, having lived there. I had forgotten how strong the stuff was, because Belgian Beer Week is planned to last ten days.

Auditory

IT SEEMS they are a versatile bunch at Pricewaterhouse-Coopers, the newly merged accountant whose new name should cease to be a figure of fun in the City by the year 2002, if not earlier. Graziano Freschi, a manager at PwC Corporate Finance, is a part-time pop star.

I interrupted Freschi as he heaved his third TV set out of the hotel window to ask about the pressures of stardom. Actually, he was at work doing whatever corporate financiers do, and he seemed unmoved by the news that the Wimbledon Choral Society's version of Fauré's Pavane had reached Number 20 in the pop charts, by virtue of its use by the BBC for the World Cup.

Freschi, although living in Twickenham, is a member of the Society, which has been asked back to do another recording for the BBC. Unfortunately he missed the gig, as the argot has it, because he was abroad on PwC business. Might there be yet another recording? "Quite possibly, depending on the success of this particular record," he said insouciantly. And the riches? The groupies? "It will all go to the Society," he says. "It's a charity."

AND another PwC man, Chris Barlow, best known about the firm for having shut down Windsor Safari Park in 1992, when his job as administrator included finding homes for, among others, 56 baboons, 13 wolves — surely the corporate finance side ... oh, never mind — 12 llamas and various dolphins, deer and rhino. Now Barlow, head of the London insolvency office, is off to build up PwC's presence in Hong Kong for two years.

He will be head of financial advisory services there. Old habits die hard, though. Barlow has already been spotted at Hong Kong's famous bird market, which features, among others, Cantonese-speaking mynahs.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Rest du jour

A TROUPE of luvvies including Maureen Lipman, Tom Conti and Jenny Seagrove is forming ranks to create theatreland's first all-singing, all-dancing restaurant-cum-theatre on Shaftesbury Avenue, where resting actors will dish out the food while performing for the customers.

The luvvies are on the committee of patrons put together by It's Showtime, a new company that is more than halfway through raising £936,000 on Ofex, the speculative market. One of the directors is Geoff Morrow, a songwriter who has foisted various hits by Elvis Presley, Engelbert Humperdinck and Barry Manilow on us during his career and who was in an "individual voluntary arrangement with his creditors" between 1991 and 1995, according to the prospectus. Oh, and he wrote the latest Arsenal compact disc.

Amazing, the strange forms of life that flourish on Ofex and other fringe markets. I wish them well, although I cannot vouch for the food. But what is so new about a restaurant staffed by resting actors?

MARTIN WALLER



Tom Conti is becoming a patron for resting actors

Compiled by Deborah King.

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Compaq in $3.6bn loss after Digital acquisition

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

COMPAQ, the world's biggest maker of personal computers, recorded a quarterly loss of $3.6 billion (£2.2 billion) as it suffered both from falling computer prices and charges relating to its $9 billion acquisition of Digital.

The company suffered a total charge of about $3.7 billion to pay for part of the 15,000 job losses announced. The company eked out a small operating profit of $32 million.

Earl Mason, the finance director, warned the market that Compaq's woes will continue until later this year, when it will begin to benefit from the restructuring. Mr Mason said: "The third quarter will largely be transitional, focused on both the integration of products and services and the achievement of cost and revenue synergies."

Wall Street analysts expect Compaq's operating profits to remain minuscule for the next quarter before rising to about $200 million by the end of the year.

In the quarter a year ago, Compaq earned a profit before charges of $460 million. Sales rose 5.7 per cent to $5.8 billion from $5.5 billion. Its growth rate slowed down as price pressures affected the computer industry.

Compaq and other manufacturers have been forced to clear out their inventories, often at vastly reduced prices. Computer products had recently piled up in warehouses as corporate demand slowed.

Operating results from Digital are included in the results for the two weeks after the June 11 completion of the acquisition. Digital, once a pioneer in the computer sector, was rescued by Compaq after the failure of its strategy to concentrate on mainframe computers.

The takeover is a rare high-profile deal in the highly fragmented industry. After the Compaq-Digital deal, Computer Associates felt emboldened to launch a $10 billion hostile takeover bid for Computer Science. The bid faltered, proving that friendly takeovers such as Compaq's are the only way computer companies can expand.

Compaq gave warning last April that its profits would be affected by the acquisition. Before the deal was announced, Compaq shares reached highs of $36, falling back to $24 when the charges became known. Yesterday, the shares rose slightly to $33.

Pressac acquires new group

BY JENNIFER HANAWALD

PRESSAC, the electrical parts manufacturer, yesterday sought to strengthen its world position as a supplier to the car industry with the acquisition of G Cartier Industrie, maker of relays and modules, for Fr 624 million (£63 million).

The acquired company, which makes electronic switches that control power windows, sunroofs and windscreen wipers, will raise the group's share of these markets to 28 per cent in Europe, bringing it neck and neck with Siemans, the market leader. Globally, it will take the company to 9 per cent.

G Cartier is Pressac's fourth and most expensive acquisition in less than two years. Geoff White, chief executive, said the focus on electrical parts for cars is due to the group's belief that growth in new technological gadgets for cars will continue, even if car sales see a slowdown.

Mr White says the relay modules market, worth about $1.2 billion, will grow to more than $4 billion by 2005.

The deal is being funded with a two for three rights issue at 180p to raise £60.1 million.



John Sharion, left, with Piers Corbyn at yesterday's launch of St Swithin, the new forecasting/insurance group.

Corbyn forecasts a future in films

BY OUR CITY STAFF

PIERS CORBYN, the long range weather forecaster who runs Weather Action, the AIM-listed forecasting company, chose St Swithin's day yesterday to launch a new product called St Swithin.

John Sharion, star of the film *Fifth Element*, was on hand for the launch of the product that offers both a forecasting and insurance service to avoid losses incurred by bad weather during filming.

St Swithin was launched with Pims, the media insurance specialist. The company is optimistic about the prospects for reliable weather forecasts as a part of commercial planning.

Mr Corbyn said film makers could use the product to predict the weather with 80 per cent accuracy, enabling them to plan shoots and use the data to buy cheaper weather insurance.

Weather Action also reported its first set of results since floating. Losses grew from £68,200 to £298,000 and losses per share grew from 1.39p to 5.23p. There is no dividend and shares rose 5p to 83½p.

Shake-up knocks Bullough profit

BY TIMON DAY

BULLOUGH, the engineering, heating and office furniture company, is nearing the end of its reorganisation which has seen 11 companies sold and three bought in the past two years. First-half profits crashed from £11.1 million to £2.4 million but the picture is complicated by exceptional items and increased losses on discontinued operations.

General Refrigeration (GR), which lost £2.2 million in the half, was sold for a loss of £3.8 million, single-handedly causing the damage.

Underlying profits are rising, seen by the 14 per cent advance in operating profits to £10.2 million, helped by a maiden contribution of £350,000 from the Flexiform furniture company.

The order-book is 15 per cent ahead at £44 million. Gearing is down 26 per cent, allowing the company to make more acquisitions of up to £30 million.

A question mark hangs over the future of the refrigeration division. Gordon Bond, chief executive, said: "No decision has been made yet whether to sell it or not."

The company will benefit from the integration of recent acquisitions, Mr Bond said. The profit margin on on-going businesses is 10 per cent and should rise further.

Brokers forecast full-year profits slightly higher at £22 million, excluding GR losses.

BG in control at Argentine utility

BY CARL MORTISHED, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS EDITOR

BG, the gas pipeline and exploration company, is taking majority control of Metrogas, the Buenos Aires gas company. The deal that will extend BG's influence over gas markets in Latin America via pipelines to Uruguay and Brazil.

BG is to gain a controlling stake in Gas Argentino (Gasa), the holding company of Metrogas, with the purchase of 25 per cent of Gasa from Perez Companc, the Argentine conglomerate, for $75 million (£46 million).

Metrogas supplies 1.9 million customers in Buenos Aires and had net profits of $45 million last year. The Argentine utility is the key to BG's Latin American strategy; Metrogas is the largest buyer of gas in the region and the largest holder of interruptible gas capacity. Argentina has extensive unexploited gas reserves in Patagonia and BG has plans to export Argentine gas to neighbouring countries.

A consortium, including BG, Pan American Energy of Argentina and the Uruguayan State Energy company ANCAp is developing a pipeline linking Buenos Aires with Montevideo. The two-year project, crossing the River Plate, will cost $120 million (£72 million); an extension of the pipeline to Pôrto Alegre in southern Brazil is also planned.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Japan's top brokers suffer in Asia slump

JAPAN'S three largest stockbrokers said profits fell heavily in the three months to June, as stockmarkets tumbled in the Asian economic slump. Nomura Securities said its pre-tax profit fell 57.7 per cent to 14.8 billion yen (£64 million). Operating income fell 16.6 per cent to 91.2 billion yen. On June 30, the Nikkei index stood at 15,830.27 points, down from 16,263.04 three months earlier and 20,068.81 a year ago. Nomura said its commission income fell 14.9 per cent to 45.6 billion yen with gains from trading down 30.7 per cent at 28.0 billion yen. Operating costs rose 2.7 per cent to 76.0 billion yen, leaving the operating profit at 15.2 billion yen, down 57 per cent. Nomura said its share of trading on the Tokyo Stock Exchange rose from 6 per cent a year earlier to 9.8 per cent at the end of June.

Daiwa Securities, Japan's second largest broker, said its pre-tax profit plunged 84.3 per cent to 2.4 billion yen on operating income of 62.2 billion yen, down 21.9 per cent. Nikko Securities, the third largest brokerage, said its pre-tax loss rose to 7.4 billion yen in the three months to June from the loss of 1.9 billion yen a year earlier. The broker stayed in the red for the third quarter. Nikko's operating income fell 18.8 per cent to 47.4 billion yen. Commission income fell 34 per cent to 29.4 billion yen, with trading gains increasing 41.7 per cent to 10.3 billion yen.

Eastman Kodak up 35%

EASTMAN KODAK has overcome the effects of the Asian financial crisis, a strong US dollar and stiff competition to record a 35 per cent surge in second-quarter net earnings to $495 million (£300 million) compared with $368 million in the second quarter of 1997. Earnings per share were $1.51, up from $1.11 a year ago. But sales declined 8 per cent to $3.541 billion, which Kodak attributed to a loss of revenue associated with the formation of the Kodak Polychrome Graphics unit, promotional expenses and the strong dollar.

Japan stake for US Pru

PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE of the US, the largest life insurer in the US, became the latest foreign company to stake a claim to Japan's $8.5 trillion (£5 trillion) in personal financial assets. The company said it was teaming up with Mitsui Trust and Banking to establish a mutual fund management company to sell investment trusts through Mitsui's 57 domestic branches. Keiu Nishida, the president of Mitsui, said the alliance is looking ahead to the expected introduction in Japan of high-return pensions modelled on US schemes.

Time Warner at $101m

TIME WARNER yesterday reported an unexpected quarterly profit of $101 million (£62 million) thanks to sparkling performances from its cable, publishing and movie and television studio operations. The media and entertainment group said net income was 4 cents per share, beating the consensus estimate for a loss of 4 cents per share. A year earlier, Time Warner earned $30 million, with a per share loss of 9 cents. The company, which owns *Time* magazine and the Warner Brothers Studios, saw record cashflow.

Ford earnings up 7%

FORD reported second-quarter net earnings of $2.4 billion (£1.5 billion), a 7 per cent gain over the same period last year. Earnings per share came to $1.91, up from $1.82, excluding exceptional gains. Ford chairman Alex Trotman said total automotive costs had been trimmed by $900 million compared with the second quarter of 1997 and by $1.3 billion in the first half of the year. In North America, automotive earnings were a record $1.7 billion, up $214 million from a year ago and in Europe, $310 million, up $153 million.

ACCOUNTANCY

A fair taxing conundrum

Gordon Brown may create injustice and uncertainty in trying to stamp out avoidance, writes Peter Wyman

No one would seriously suggest our tax system should be designed to be other than fair. A tax system which contains inherent uncertainty will be inherently unfair. All taxpayers in this country have a right to know how they will be taxed in any given circumstances. Yet, in his determination to stamp out tax avoidance, Gordon Brown may be about to take away this right by introducing a system which will create an unprecedented level of uncertainty.

The Inland Revenue is expected to publish a consultative document on the possible introduction of a general anti-avoidance provision. Whilst at first sight this may appear attractive to those who wish to see the end of tax avoidance, many, if not most, who have looked at the issue in any depth have concluded it creates more problems than it will solve. Not only will this lead to an unfair tax system but it will also fail to produce the desired result.

Unlike tax evasion, which involves breaking the law and is therefore open to clear definition, tax avoidance is legal but defies definition. For example, is transferring building society savings into a Tessa with the same society tax avoidance? People will say no, but the point is where you draw the line. General anti-avoidance legislation will create uncertainty. So what is at stake is the very principle of fair taxation.

Proponents of a general anti-avoidance provision suggest that taxation should be by reference to the "spirit of the law" or, put another way, the "intention of Parliament" rather than the clear words of the statutes Parliament has passed. This may be considered laudable but, in practice, it simply creates uncertainty and unfairness.

It has been suggested that taxpayers should be allowed to obtain in advance from the Revenue a ruling on the tax treatment which would result if a transaction proceeds. There are occasions when such a rulings system would be beneficial but it would probably become unworkable because of the sheer volume of requests.

Let me give an illustration. At present, it is generally recognised that, without incurring a tax liability myself, I can give an asset loaded with capital gain to my wife so that she may sell it, taking advantage of her annual capital gains tax exemption and thus reducing the amount of tax as a family we suffer.

To put it another way, we would have avoided a tax liability. Under a rulings system, would the Revenue accept this or invoke the general anti-avoidance provision? Would the answer be different if the gift had also coincided with her birthday? Would it have been any different if it had been made many years ago?



Peter Wyman says anti-avoidance proposals are flawed

The cost of applying for a ruling before each transaction would swamp the Revenue. General rulings will therefore have to be published or an understanding will in time be developed of what is acceptable. But the Revenue would have the power to change that view overnight just as the Chancellor did when he announced with immediate effect the end of "bed and breakfasting" which, until he spoke, had been regarded as a legitimate tax-saving measure by the Government, the Revenue and even the courts.

The difference is that the Chancellor was announcing a change affecting future transactions, whereas a change of view on the application of a general anti-avoidance provision might affect transactions already completed.

So, does the end justify the means? On three counts the answer is no. First, the courts will be less willing to apply a general anti-avoidance provision than specific targeted measures, so ministers' aims to reduce tax avoidance will not be achieved. Second, the uncertainty created is counterproductive to the economy and unacceptable as a principle for fair taxation. And third, the advance rulings system is flawed and produces a tax system where administrative discretion replaces the rule of law.

Peter Wyman is a senior tax partner in PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Revenue rule recipe serves up a rumpus

THE GOVERNMENT is worried about the Inland Revenue. There is nothing new in this. Governments always worry about the Inland Revenue. But the current worries are likely to have serious implications on two fronts — self-assessment and the intended introduction of a general anti-avoidance rule, known universally as the Gaar.

The worries are not about principles; they are about resources. For some years now the intention within the Revenue has been to shift resources. Resources should not push pens at the bottom end of the structure. Resources must be freed up to engage the top end of the market, so increasing the tax yields and enabling Governments to make the promises of greater spending on areas such as health and education that are thought to be the key to election success.

So shifting resources within the Revenue is not motivated by a desire for clearer or fairer taxation. It is motivated by a desire to retain power through raising more cash to spend on the electorate's perceived worries. This motivation unfortunately skips the complexities of the issues concerned. If the Chancellor of the Exchequer had a large book entitled *Broadbrush Policies*, then it would state clearly that tax evasion was a bad thing, a Gaar would outlaw it and so increase taxes in the coffers.

Likewise it would say that self-assessment would eliminate the need for so many clerical workers in the Revenue, which in turn would allow the cash saved to be spent on high-powered investigators who would likewise increase the tax flows.

But if the Chancellor were then to turn to a book entitled *Practicalities*, then a different picture would emerge. Anyone who attended the debate organised this week by the tax faculty of the English ICA would have been able to provide any number of points for him. The motion for debate was: "This house believes that a general anti-avoidance rule will be counterproductive." And it was, unsurprisingly, carried with 90 people in favour and 42 against. The main speaker for the motion was Peter Wyman of PricewaterhouseCoopers. He explains his main points in the article alongside this column.

Opposing Mr Wyman was Steve Matheson, deputy chairman of the board of the Revenue. His was a straightforward defence of the Gaar. It is hard to argue with the idea that "transactions which depend on a trick will be outlawed".

Here was the face of the decent Revenue. Politicians have decreed that proposals for a Gaar should be published. On the surface of the debate a Gaar is common sense. It would deal with substance rather than form. No more "Sark Larks" and other unlikely tax dodges would be able to survive.

But seconding Mr Wyman was Bob Cresswell, the deputy head of the Revenue's compliance branch. He jokingly asked at the start of his speech: "What could be more reasonable than the Revenue being on both sides of the argument?" He pointed out that he joined the Revenue in 1979, the year the historic raids on Rossminster, the great creative taxation advisers, took place. And since 1986 he has worked in the special investigation department. If anyone knows the practicalities involved it would be Mr Cresswell. He summed up the Gaar succinctly: "It won't work. It can't work. It will make things worse for all concerned."

His view as an insider provided a picture of what would occur rather than what politicians hope might happen. A Gaar, as everyone agrees, would need a clearance system that would enable companies and their advisers to run schemes past the Revenue and gain some sort of assurance over the way that the schemes would be treated for tax. Even if this system charged companies for the service it will suck in enormous senior resources. Mr Cresswell's view was that resources would be diverted and wasted on clearances. As a result, the work on ensuring tax compliance would be reduced and the consequence would be inescapable — the tax yield would be reduced.

Keith Daniels, president of the chartered insitute of taxation, reckons that the clearance system alone would require up to 300 more tax inspectors. Governments do not like providing that sort of resource. The truth is that both the Revenue and the Treasury are terrified of the huge cost that the practicalities of having an effective Gaar would demand.

And now we learn that the publication of the consultation document on the Gaar, promised in the Budget, has been delayed again. It is hard to avoid the conclusion that politicians are going through the *Practicalities* volume line by line and trying to find a loophole.



ROBERT BRUCE

Six into five won't go for Baker Tilly

IT IS the oldest joke in the book. Accountants cannot count. But time and again it turns out to be true. Anyone stuck in traffic between Euston and Paddington in London has seen the sign that advertises the services of Baker Tilly.

It is emblazoned on the side of the old Casson Beckman offices. It trumpets the value of using a mid-tier firm. "Baker Tilly," it says, "... A Real Alternative To The Big Six." Wrong again. Since the advent of the merged PricewaterhouseCoopers the rest of the world has been talking of a Big Five.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

First blows

TAX ADVISERS strike back. The debate, organised by the tax faculty of the English ICA this week on the Government's desire to introduce a catch-all anti-avoidance tax rule, was notable for several things.

For a start, senior Inland Revenue staff spoke both for and against the motion. And Peter Wyman of PricewaterhouseCoopers took the Government to task for accusing the tax profession of marketing tax schemes. "The Government," he said, "is the biggest mass-marketeer of tax schemes. Look at the idea of Individual Savings Accounts, the tax breaks for pensions and the tax system for unleaded petrol."

It is always good to get your retaliation in first.

Talent to annoy

IT SEEMS that, however hard you try, you cannot escape your cultural roots. The Chartered Association of Certified Accountants was always famed for a talent to annoy everyone in sight, even when trying to be nice to them. In recent years the association seemed to have overcome this tendency. But back it comes with a vengeance this week. In announcing plans for a merger with the accountancy bodies representing management accountants and public sector accountants, the association seems to have neglected to tell the other two bodies precisely what it was up to.

Representatives of the two bodies were unable to provide much in the way of comment which was printable after the certified accountants had made their announcement.

Probably the most diplomatic comment was that the idea was "premature".

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Equities extend strong run

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
846	505	Allied Domecq	553	- 1	4.5	13.5
412½	295	Bulmer (HP)	350	...	5.5	..
42½	12½	Burn Stewart	14	...	15.2	...
795	432	Diageo▼	778½	+ 10½	2.9	34.0
900	755	Glenmorangie A†	865	...	2.1	20.2
325	258	Highland Dist	278½	- 2	4.0	12.9
215	160	Matthew Clark	198	- 1½	8.6	7.4
58½	37½	Minmet W	45			
2021½	1143¾	SA Breweries	1328¾	- 12½	2.5	20.2

BANKS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1609¼	1178¼	ABN-AMRO	1575	+ 9¼	2.0	22.6
1345	951	Abbey Ntl	1162	+ 21	3.3	17.8
1032	585	Alliance & Leic	870	- 17	3.0	17.5
983½	587½	Allied Irish	983½	+ 11	1.9	27.0
458¼	373¼	Aus New Z	430¼	+ 4¼	4.7	..
6075	3881¼	Bank America	6053¼	- 21¾	..	
813	431	Bank Scotland	755	+ 22½	1.6	20.2
1996	1068	Barclays	1905	+ 1	2.4	17.7
1332½	916½	Bk of Ireland	1295	- 10	1.9	..
£109¼	6790¼	Citicorp	£109¼	+ 166¼		
1690¼	1569¼	Commerzbk	1646¾	..	3.2	
543¼	280¼	Dai Ichi Kan Y	368¼	- 9¼	1.0	
5368¼	3668¼	Deutsche Bk	5228¼	..	1.2	
1208¼	1153¼	Espirito Santo	1193¼	+ 3¼	3.2	
531	226½	Fuji Bank Y	270¼	..	1.4	56.1
2073	1294	HSBC	1595	+ 13	3.9	12.8
2002	937	HSBC HK	1513	+ 18	4.1	12.1
1000	670	Halifax	824	+ 29	2.7	23.9
842½	642½	Irish Perm	827½	+ 10	3.0	24.0
1080	698	Lloyds TSB	932½	+ 18½	2.3	24.8
916¼	758	Nat Aust Bk	857¼	+ 6½	4.2	..
1241	751	Nat West	1190	+ 10	3.4	25.4
673	482	Northern Rock	533	+ 13	2.5	20.1
1140	565	Royal Bk Scott	1035	- 2	2.7	19.2
1050	528	Stand Chart	708	+ 34½	3.3	11.5
£164¼	£164¼	Wells Fargo	£164¼		1.9	
439	337¼	Westpac	401	+ 4	3.4	
400	308	Woolwich	345	- 1½	3.4	17.7

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1195	873	Bass▼	1084	- 6	3.3	18.8
81½	50¼	Brit for the Bar	71	- 1½	3.6	..
197½	144½	Burtonwood Brwr	184½	..	4.3	13.0
162½	110	City Centre Rest	132½	..	2.6	20.5
700	290½	Compass Gp	670	+ 35½	0.9	43.9
342½	280½	Eldridge P 'A'†	291½	..	2.7	14.3
384½	251½	Enterprise Inns	328½	..	3.0	18.8
552½	425	Fuller Sm 'A'†	552½	..	2.6	15.6
538	400	Greenalls Gp	492	+ 2	4.4	11.6
760	676½	Greene Kingt	699½	- 1½	3.3	12.8
358	260	Groupe Chez Ger	336	..	1.2	23.2
281½	214½	Hardy Hansont	243½	..	6.1	10.6
2175	1825	Holt J	2082½	..	4.1	10.0
76	62	Inn Business	65½	..	3.8	8.8
317	279	Mansfield†	287½	..	3.4	11.4
360½	254½	Mitchell Thmpt	290	..	3.8	12.5
472½	402½	Morland	447½	..	3.7	11.9
384½	285	Old Eng Pub▲	307½	+ 6½	1.2	21.7
35	21½	Paramount	29½			
950	678½	PizzaExpress	806	+ 1	0.6	35.4
377½	292½	Ramsdens (H)†	295	..	2.1	31.0
388½	157½	Regent Inns	173½	+ 1	2.6	12.4
237½	140½	SFI	190	- ½	0.5	33.1
950	717	Scot & New	855	+ 9	3.5	15.9
303½	197½	Slug & Lettuce	225	+ 5	3.5	29.5
358	227	Vaux Group	311½	+ ½	4.5	12.9
342	272½	Wetherspoon JD	288½	..	0.9	31.0
1145	850	Whitbread†	943	+ 4	3.4	16.9
568½	468	Wolverhmptn D	516½	..	4.7	11.1
558½	381	Yates Brost	453	..	1.0	28.0
827½	637½	Young 'A'†	807½	..	2.5	28.6

BUILDING MATERIALS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
76½	49¼	Aggregate Inds	64¼	+ 1	3.4	22.3
268	199	Anglian Group	243½	..	5.3	12.9
447	290	BPB†	350	+ 4	3.1	15.7
178½	88½	Baggeridge Brk†	101½	..	4.4	11.0
62½	42½	Blockleys	44	..	1.3	50.3
407	271½	Blue Circle	340¼	+ 2½	4.3	12.9
149	98½	Breedon PLC	112½	..	6.4	13.6
192½	125½	Br Dredging	189	..	4.3	30.5
945	705	CRH	890	+ 11	1.2	22.3
82½	47½	Cakebread Rby	60½	..	7.7	5.1
155½	107½	Cape	145½	..	5.6	12.5
215½	158½	Caradon	191½	..	5.3	13.3
116½	100½	Caradon pf	111	..	8.2	..
130½	52½	Chelfain Gp	52½	..	10.2	3.8
385	212½	Dyson (J&J)†	347½	..	2.2	..
130	75	Dyson 'A'†	85	..	8.9	..
60½	43½	Eanstone	48	+ 1		
197½	147	Epwin	153½	- 1½	8.0	8.4
151	101½	Gibbs & Dandy	151	+ 10	3.3	14.0
200	148½	Graham Grp	146½	- 2	5.1	14.6
282½	197½	Halstead (J)	200	+ 2½	6.2	13.4
395	245	Hanson	385	+ 1	3.9	13.3
265	179	Hepworth	197½	..	5.7	..
178½	120½	Hewetson	151½	..	6.4	8.0
294½	202½	Heywd Wlm	238½	..	7.2	9.1
66	43	Instock	54	..	5.1	13.4
365	250	Johnston	317½	..	4.7	17.1
107½	84½	Litestall†	97½	- ½	6.4	8.6
129½	82½	Marley	104	..	6.0	9.0
162½	120	Marshalls	139½	- ½	4.8	15.4
445½	328½	Meyer Intt	343½	..	4.7	21.4
77½	62½	Norcrost	68½	+ ½	3.4	12.3
149½	103½	Pilkington†	116	+ 1	4.3	63.4
196	140	Polypipe	140	- 3½	3.1	10.5
24	14½	Quiggal	16½			
1400	740½	RMC	1016	- 2	3.2	14.8
117½	78½	Ruberoid	93½	..	6.5	10.7
143	101½	Rugby Group	103½	..	4.8	14.9
103½	73½	Russell (A)	93½	..	4.0	14.1
276	195½	SIG	210	- 2	4.8	10.6
3½	1½	SWP	2			
237½	201½	Sharpe & Fisher	201½	- 5	3.9	12.4
25	11½	Sprong Ram	14½	- ½	0.9	
330	144½	Steetley Hldgs	310	..	3.7	17.8
133½	93	Tarmac	106	+ 2½	6.7	12.7
125	83	Tilon	96	..	6.9	8.5
628½	457	Travis Perkins	507½	..	2.7	15.6
107½	60½	Tudor	83½	..	4.5	10.8
372	180½	Unitarm	309½	+ 1	1.4	26.1
570	352	Wolseley†	380	+ 7	3.8	12.2

CHEMICALS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
191½	121	Albright & Wil	134½	..	5.3	13.3
142½	97½	Amber Indt	97½	..	7.4	8.3
118	90½	Amberley Gp	111½	..	2.1	16.8
100	72	Anstone Ex	75½	..	11.3	12.3
3155¼	2003¼	BASF DM	3153¼	+ 12½	2.2	..
1109	780	BOC†	875	+ 18	4.8	18.0
581	331½	BTP†	532	- 8½	2.9	23.9
26½	16½	Banner Chemt	19½	..	7.7	7.5
3221½	2137¼	Bayer DM50	3146¼	- 3½	1.8	..
126	94½	Brent Chems	111	+ 4½	3.4	12.6
342½	210½	Br Vita	287	..	4.1	13.5
187½	128½	Brunner Mond	186	..	5.8	10.2
296	238½	Canning (W)	240	..	4.7	11.5
229½	155	Cny Technology	209	..	2.3	40.4
474	234	Courtaulds	449	..	3.7	27.2
469	351½	Croda	371	..	2.8	17.9
284½	203½	Doeflex	251½	- 1	4.2	10.7
178	116	Elements	145	+ 3	..	23.0
313½	260½	Ellis & Everard	268	- ½	5.1	10.8
78½	53½	Euro Colourt	67	..	4.7	11.6
246½	138½	Gibbon	245	..	4.3	..
94½	61	Hickson	63	+ 1	1.6	11.0
3216½	2096½	Hoechst	3150	- 6¼	1.8	..
1244	738½	ICI	983	..	3.3	39.0
321½	189	Inspec	254	+ 1½	3.3	11.4
193½	120	Kalon	130	..	6.5	17.8
930½	605	Laporte	726	..	3.5	14.7
75	35	Marlstem	43	..	7.0	4.1
35	27	Metrotect†	32½	..	5.4	..
380	245	Porvair	245	- 20	3.2	13.6
231	181½	Scapa†	189	- 1	4.0	12.4
1761½	1437½	Takeda Chem	1647¼	+ 33½	0.8	21.2
248	196	Victrex†	203½	..	3.0	16.2
665	595	Wilshire R	615	..	5.5	9.8
240	167½	Yorks Grp	178	..	6.7	11.3
440	282½	Yule Catto	336½	..	3.7	13.6

CONSTRUCTION

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
59½	19½	AAF Inds	40	+ ½		
375	230	Abbey	315	..	3.6	23.7
480	332½	Allent	457	..	3.0	18.7
211½	114	Amec	170½	+ ½	3.7	16.8
875	400	Amey	685	- 25½	2.0	22.0
360	135	Andrews Sykes	215	..	1.7	21.5
260	140	Ashtead	239	..	1.2	23.8
[illegible]	18	Avonside	37½	..	5.0	13.6
[illegible]	26	Bardt	39½	..	4.4	10.8
241	222	Barratt Devs	264	+ 2½	4.4	11.6
215	161½	Beazer	195	- 2½	4.4	11.0
401½	293½	Bellway	310½	- 1	3.8	10.3
39½	18	Bellwinch	29½	..		10.1
[illegible]	46	Ben Bailey	66½	+ 1	4.1	7.7
764½	576½	Berkeley Gp	622½	+ 18½	2.1	10.2
170	141½	Best Brost	141½	- 1½	8.1	4.0
315	226	Boot (Henry)	227½	..	4.7	8.5
278½	192½	Bovis Homes	230	+ 11½	5.1	10.1
42½	30½	Britannia Grp	40½	..	4.3	16.3
155½	102½	Bryant	110	+ 2	5.7	10.1
139½	102½	CALA	113½	- 2	4.3	7.0
4	3	Campbell & Armst	3			
141½	63½	Clarke T	125½	- 2	6.0	8.7
42½	20	Costain	31½			
125½	96½	Countryside†	97		4.2	7.6
145½	94½	Crest Nicholson	122½	- 1½	4.1	8.0
127½	85½	Cussins	97½	...	5.8	7.5
290	160	Eve Group	272½		3.3	
22½	18¼	Gallford	18¼	- ¼	7.0	10.8
1100	950	Gleeson (MJ)	955	- 2½	2.4	14.0
175	96	Havelock Euro	105		5.7	7.1
212	152	Hewden-Stuart	177	+ ½	2.5	21.3
28	20	Howard Hldgs	23		5.4	22.8
798	369½	Jarvist	689½	+ 23	1.5	26.1
257½	161	Keller	227½		2.8	14.3
260½	199½	Kier	249½		3.6	12.5
397½	309½	Laing (J)	394	- 2½	3.3	21.2
133½	117½	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	133½		6.0	...
14½	8½	Lovell (YJ)	13	...		
212½	155½	Maunders (J)	209½		3.8	12.1
151½	133½	McAlpine (A)	146½	- ½	6.4	8.7
191½	113½	McCarthy & S	149½	- 1½	2.8	10.9
142½	70	Mcinerney	137½		0.9	15.6
253½	171½	Morgan Sindall	246	- 2½	2.7	15.0
397½	301	Morrison Const	369½		2.0	
150	77½	Mowlem (J)	150	+ 1½	3.3	13.7
259½	182½	Persimmon	200	+ ½	6.2	9.4
109½	80½	Peterhouse	92½		5.0	6.4
128½	112	Pochins	123½	...	2.8	13.7
159½	116	Prowting	133½		4.3	8.4
198	139	Redrow	157½	- ½	3.0	11.6
335	227½	Spandex	317½		1.5	18.3
94½	70	Swan Hill	70	- ½	4.9	12.7
142½	112	Tay Homes	112	- ½	8.5	9.1
238	174	Taylor Woodrw	197		2.3	15.0
308	190	Tilbury Dougls	275	+ 6	4.4	15.1
29½	21½	Try Group	23½	+ 1½	3.2	8.7
88	63½	Viceroland	82½	- ½	6.3	29.3
139½	109½	Warnhomest	117½	+ 1	5.6	
60	38½	Ward Hldgs	47½		6.8	6.7
372½	228½	Westbury†	233½	- 1½	3.9	10.0
16	12½	Wiggins	15½	- ½		22.1
191	127½	Wilson (C)	129		5.3	9.9
733	511	Wilson Bowdn	621	+ 3½	2.5	12.7
143½	92½	Wimpey G	118	+ 1	6.0	9.8

DISTRIBUTORS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	192½	Acton Cp Spls	228½		1.5	19.1
[illegible]	250	Acam & Harvey	312½	.. ½	9.0	.
[illegible]	9½	Alexanders	19½	- ½		58.8
[illegible]	1	Ass Br Eng	1½			

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1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
457	340	BSS Group	342½		8.0	10.7
20½	12½	Bearing Power	14½			
35½	34½	Bogod 'A'	35½		4.0	...
735	550	Bommes	588½	- 3½	3.7	13.1
16½	10½	Bridgend Gp	16		1.6	25.5
113½	78	Britannic...				
372½	330	Caliper...				
208	30½	Car Group	37	- 4½	16.4	4.2
175½	134½	Cencide	163½	- 2	3.1	10.4
54½	31½	Cook (DC)	42		7.3	6.0
139½	96½	Dag Motors	113½		9.2	6.4
125½	105½	Dennams Eft	114½		3.3	7.5
276	209	Diploma	212		8.5	8.8
601	446	Electrocomponts†	505	- 1½	2.2	26.8
186	130	Eurocis Elec	130	- 4	5.1	22.4
122	84½	European Mb	94½		8.4	6.9
305	247	Evans Halshaw	248½		8.6	7.9
70½	39½	Fife Indmar	64	+ ½	7.2	7.2
400½	281	Finelist Gp	281	- 10½	3.6	11.2
28	21½	Gardiner	22½	- ¼	5.6	10.0
82½	60½	Glenchewton	61		4.1	8.7
135½	89½	Cowrings	119½		3.7	11.3
20½	13	HR Owen	17		5.9	11.1
405	325	Headlam	330	+ 5	2.7	17.1
180	115	Heiditc Tech	123½		6.8	7.7
120	39½	ISA Intl	50½		8.1	5.0
250	136½	Inchcape	199½		5.9	24.0
80	57½	Jacks (Wm)	60½		7.2	5.7
583½	361½	Kwik-Fit	524½	+ 9½	1.5	23.8
614	422½	Lex Service	522½	- ½	4.2	13.3
123	94	Lookers	94½	- ½	11.2	5.9
551	351	Menzies (John)	549	+ 11½	3.5	13.5
5½	2	Middlesex	3½			
29½	14½	Midsalest	22		2.7	
326½	242	Norbain	269		4.5	
281	197½	Northamber	215		1.7	14.3
342	192½	Parico	233½		4.7	11.2
312½	207½	Pendragon	209	- 3½	6.4	9.9
255	167½	Perry Gp	194½		6.1	7.8
449	262	Premier Farnell	263½	- 2½	6.1	10.4
164½	119½	Quicks Group	134		7.2	9.2
285	140	REA	155		2.6	26.0
3	1½	Reece	2½			
38½	29½	Ritag	31½			
12½	4½	Roxcan	4½			
5½	3½	Ross Gp	4½			8.5
112½	84½	Rytand	84½		6.5	8.4
31½	25½	SEP Indl	27½	+ ½	6.0	12.8
30	13½	Sabre	14	- ½		
290	196½	Sanderson Bram	201	+ 3½	3.4	7.3
67½	45	Sedgemoort	48	+ 1	5.2	
373½	226½	Symer	252½		3.4	11.8
195½	130½	Time Products†	134½		11.6	7.4
295	132½	Trust Motor Grp	230		1.4	4.0
440	374	UMECO†	395		2.2	18.2
124	88½	United Oseas Gp	98½	- ½	1.4	22.6
259½	230½	Vardy (Reg)	231½		4.8	
800	655	WF Elect	725		2.7	22.4
192½	140	Wyko	141½	- 1	2.9	13.3
165½	135	Young (H)	145	...	4.1	9.8

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
330	240	Antofagasta	245	+ 2½	2.9	18.1
385	229	Ascot Hldgs	391½		5.0	11.4
642	455	Broken Hill	583½	+ 14½	3.5	...
747	466½	BAT	711½	+ 17	4.0	18.0
43½	28	Brasley Inv	31½	+ ½	9.4	8.1
279½	167	Cookson	200	- 3½	4.6	11.6
277½	217½	Cosalt†	284½	- ½	6.2	7.9
613	410	DCC	565		1.7	17.9
383	302	Galliher	364	- 2	6.6	10.3
450¼	235	Hutch Whamp	308¼	+ 10	4.2	...
506	383½	Imperial Tobt	485	- 3	5.5	11.9
335¼	154½	Jardine Math	155½	+ ½	9.8	7.3
94½	69½	Lonrho Africa	74½		3.9	18.4
623½	474½	Powell Duffyn†	520		6.0	13.7
147	101	Steeley†	115½	+ 3	9.7	28.6
368½	174½	Swire Pacific	238½	+ 13½	5.9	7.4
393½	288	Tomkins	348	+ 1½	4.0	13.9
250	205	Unicorn	205		7.9	10.4
570	415	Wardle Storeys	483		5.4	14.0
381½	286½	Wassall	282½	+ 2½	2.7	13.4
135½	63½	Whitecroft	65	...	8.9	11.9

ELECTRICITY

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
615½	310	Br Energy†	587	+ 30	3.1	22.1
453	258¼	National Grid▼	450		3.4	22.7
700	516	National Power†	555	- 7	6.1	11.6
900	725	PowerGen†	856	- 8	4.2	12.4
597½	502½	Hydro-Elect	570		4.4	12.4
620½	475	Scottish Power†	589	+ 8	4.3	14.5
585	467	Southern Elect	575	+ 11½	5.2	14.9
617	522	Viridian	617	...	4.8	13.6

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1240	715	ARM Holdings	1175	+ 5		
410	304½	Acal†	365		3.7	12.8
1300	890	Admiral	1285	+ 5	0.3	...
58½	27½	Amstrad	42		1.5	...
35	28½	Arlen	30¼	- ½	5.3	10.1
129½	88½	Astec	88	+ 5	2.2	9.4
77½	43½	Azlan	58	- 2		
182½	123½	BICC	130	- 1	7.7	...
108½	51½	Beales Hunter	108½		11.8	10.5
457½	260	Bick	457½	+ 4	4.0	14.8
604½	345½	Bowthorpe	522	+ 8½	2.7	19.9
18	12	Bulgin A	15½		9.9	8.2
205½	150½	CML Microt	152½		5.7	14.4
27½	10	Chanel Hldgs	13½		10.6	4.2
51	38½	Chloridet	48	+ ½	2.1	14.5
109½	64½	Claynthe	107½		4.2	11.5
912½	668	Critchley†	680	- 2½	2.6	16.2
342½	186½	Delta	197½		8.1	7.7
451	392	Domino	439½		3.7	14.7
77½	59½	Dowding Mills	59	+ 6½	6.8	11.1
320	240	Druck	292½		0.8	...
1250	825	Electrolux 'B'	1025	+ 88½	9.3	26.9
28	17	Emess	28½		2.8	19.1
1968½	1065½	Ericsson 'B'	1968½	+ 37½	0.7	42.0
491½	311	Eurotherm	421		3.0	18.5
591½	313	Fairey Group	345	+ 17	3.4	9.9
587½	395	Filtronic	397½	- 2½	0.5	27.5
18½	7½	Forward Tech	11½	- ½		
577½	338	GEC	547	+ 1	2.7	23.2
49½	34½	Ind Control	37		1.7	...
22	15	Intelek	15		7.3	12.4
92	54½	LPA†	85½	- 1	3.4	27.5
1004½	445	Mital	853½	- 1½		
180½	87½	Network Tech	90½		1.8	10.2
372	255	Oxford Inst	288½	+ 1	3.5	12.9
111	23½	Pace Micro	54	- ½	0.9	...
6271½	3450	Philips Lmp nv	5565½	+ 128½	0.9	25.1
98½	38½	Plasmon	84	- ½		
356	267½	Pressac	260	- 21	2.4	19.0
60½	27	Prestwick	31½		4.4	8.8
437	243½	Racal Elect	427	+ 8½	1.8	...
87½	51½	Radamec	73½	- 1½	5.3	13.6
505	335	Renishaw	462½		2.4	28.2
1½	1½	Rodime	1½			
292½	191½	Roxboro	232½		3.9	12.1
361½	202½	SDX Bus Syst	316½		1.0	31.2
377½	232½	Senrmex	235		5.1	11.6
58½	36½	Silvermines	49½		4.0	10.2
5012½	4128½	TDK	4699½	+ 50	0.8	...
72½	55½	TGI†	56½		8.1	6.2
125	88½	TLG†	115		4.0	20.8
62	7	Tadpole Tech	17½	+ 1½		
67½	38½	Telemetrix	56½		3.5	13.6
385	230	Telspec	232½	+ 5		28.5
159½	119½	Thorpe FW	131½	- 1	4.4	7.2
159½	70½	Total Systems†	100½	- 2	2.1	14.8
160	100	Tunstall	169		4.0	21.1
18	3	Ultima Networks	3			
111	66½	Verity	88½		0.1	...
195½	84½	Vero	188½		3.8	17.0
40½	22½	Vigen Technology	25½	- ½	2.0	...
660	460	Volex	610	- 12½	4.7	14.7

ENGINEERING

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
312½	217½	AIM	259	...	3.6	12.2
44	24½	ASW	28	- ½		
255	145	Alumasc	178		6.0	8.0
214	129½	Alvist	195		2.2	13.7
176½	149½	Ash & Lacy	151		6.4	7.2
125	70	Avonside Metal	70		3.8	4.5
535½	345½	BBA	466½	+ ½	1.7	19.1
230½	154½	BTR▼	165½	- 3	5.8	10.9
97½	68½	BWI	77½		5.2	8.7
92½	51	Babcock†	77½	- ½	2.3	...
13	6½	Bailey (CH)	9½		3.3	...
110½	67½	Baynes (Charles)	68½		5.8	9.7
27½	6½	Beaufort	7		14.3	3.7
261½	181½	Bertsford	232		3.3	10.5
109	84	Beckle Cv Un Ln	97½		5.1	
1285	867½	Bodycote	1125		1.1	25.8
44½	35½	Boon Inds	40½			18.0
20½	12½	Brasway†	13½		8.5	...
141	89½	Bridport	89½		6.6	10.0
587	361½	Br Aerospace	463	- 17	1.3	28.1
172	132½	Br Steel†	145½	+ 4½	8.5	12.3
158½	113½	Brooke Ind	115		5.7	6.1
16½	9½	Brunel	10		6.2	4.6
107½	90	Bullough	90½		8.1	8.3
36	25½	Camet	28		4.8	56.2
217½	150	Carclo Eng	155½	- ½	8.2	7.5
233½	181½	Castings†	192½		3.8	10.5
272½	182½	Chamberlin Hill†	192½		6.0	8.0
780	570	Charter	638	+ 5	5.0	20.7
175½	110½	Chemring†	170½	+ ½	2.2	...
275	97	Clyde Blowerst	98		8.6	15.5
1247½	732½	Cobham	1095½	+ 18	1.5	28.7
430	320	Cohen (A)	412½			
150½	105½	Concentric	146½	+ 5½	6.3	36.6
268½	184½	David Brown	207½		5.5	12.3
511	282½	EIS	503		3.8	17.6
32½	16	Eleco	26½	- ½		10.8
50	27	Energy Tech	42½	+ 1½	4.4	
161½	124½	Expamet	137½		3.5	13.3
228½	147½	FKI	172	+ 1	4.5	10.4
216	154	Fenner†	155		3.5	11.9
3	1½	Ferrum	2			
40	27	Firth Hldgs	28½	- ½	1.3	...
182	126½	Firth Rixson†	132	+ 3½	2.8	13.4
45½	15½	Flare	16½			
116	91½	GEI Intl	98½		4.9	8.7
206½	148½	Garton Eng	187½		3.3	6.6
331½	216½	Glynwed	257½	+ 1	6.4	10.4
159½	92½	Haden MacLn	123	- 2	3.2	12.7
255	185	Hadleigh	236		4.1	10.4
257	140	Hall Eng	142½		7.3	5.7
140½	99½	Halmat†	130		2.7	15.7
83½	64½	Hampson Ind†	68½		4.8	...
65½	32½	Hay (Norman)	52		2.4	14.8
63½	40½	Headway	51½		3.9	6.9
71½	42½	Hill & Smith	65	+ ½	8.6	15.6
125	65½	How Gp	105		3.3	15.2
273	210½	Hunting	268		3.7	14.3
532	351	IMI	364½	+ 4	3.8	11.9
652	457½	Johnson Matht	502½	- 21½	4.2	10.6
28½	17½	Jones Stroud	18		3.6	16.8
435	373	Kelsey Ind	395½		9.4	8.2
418	295½	Laird	368½		3.7	11.7
32½	23½	Lucas (T)†	27		4.5	7.8
23½	16½	MS Intl	21½		4.5	18.7
508½	403½	Meggitt Bronze	451½	- 21	2.8	18.7
569½	377½	McKechnie	436	+ 1½	5.0	11.5
179½	149½	McLeod Russell†	149½		5.9	10.5
242½	154½	Meggitt	207½		2.8	22.3
115	82½	Metalrax	91	- 1	5.7	12.4
14½	11½	MetalTech	12½			7.0
255½	142½	Molins	255½		2.4	14.2
357½	177½	Morgan Cble	206	- 2½	9.1	
501½	371½	Morgan Cble	375½	+ 3½	5.2	12.0
57½	42½	Polymedron	42½		11.0	6.0
608½	45	Powerscreen	91	+ 10½	14.4	2.4
230½	155½	Quadramatic	192½		6.8	10.1
52½	39½	Quadrant Sp	44½			
60	50	Radiant Metal	55		3.9	9.2
290½	226½	Renold†	237½		8.0	5.1
87½	51½	Richardson West	267	+ 2	2.8	20.2
309	188	Rolls-Royce†	320	- 10	3.6	21.3
387	269	Rotork	181½		4.3	13.0
246½	140	Rubicon	990½	- 9½	4.0	9.5
1425	990½	SKF 'B'	198	- 1	2.1	18.3
248	139½	Senior Eng	407½	+ 3½	3.1	12.6
612½	399½	Smith Rwe	1180	+ 38	1.4	19.3
1580	975	Siebe	115	- 2½	6.2	
148½	114½	Sp Hnwrd	878	- 1	2.6	19.7
1030	702	Smiths Ind	9½		3.7	
18½	9	Solvent	525	+ 8½	3.5	13.7
706	515	Spirax-Sarco	325	...	4.2	10.9
330	262½	Sterling Indt				

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
156½	123	Adwest	125	- 1	6.2	9.8
223	150	Airflow Streamt	180	- 5	6.2	15.9
701	590	Avon Rubber	590	...	3.7	11.7
345	245	Bostrom	247½	...	3.7	8.9
193½	114½	Brake	166	...	2.5	17.3
395½	251½	Dennist	340	...	3.8	14.5
413½	277½	First Tech	397½	+ 7½	1.8	...
930	529½	GKN	692	...	1.7	22.8
4671½	3418¼	General Mtr	4262½	- 9½	2.8	...
607	414½	Henlys	537½	+ 8½	3.8	13.6
2328½	1991½	Honda Motor	2297½	+ 1	0.3	...
480	272½	Laird	285½	+ 1½	5.0	7.5
268	194	Lucasvarity	246	+ 3	2.3	14.2
244½	158½	Mayflower	209	+ 3	1.8	30.4
136	85½	Sylora	120	...	7.4	...
261	252½	T & N	259	...	4.4	15.0
31½	22½	Toad	23½	...	..	..
51½	36½	Wilshaw	44	...	2.9	...

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
650	424	TI	446	+ 3	3.6	14.0
121	89½	Tinsley (E)	107½	..	7.7	..
87½	64½	Translec	66½	..	5.1	9.5
383	241½	TT Group	300	..	3.6	11.5
425	326	Ultra Elect	326	- 2½	2.8	16.0
78½	55½	Utd Inds	59½	..	5.5	8.6
252½	186	Vickers Grp	212½	- ½	4.2	13.2
11	7½	Vitters Grp	9½	..	..	..
767	594	Vitec	713½	..	2.5	13.4
900	740	Vosper Thornyt	845	+ 10½	4.2	12.5
402	280	Wagon Ind	340	..	4.1	12.0
314½	202½	Weir	222½	+ 1	5.1	10.4
185½	137½	Wellington Hdg	163½	..	6.3	11.0
88½	55	Wescol	70	+ 7½	2.9	15.5
930	750	Whatman	925	..	2.1	24.3
60	42½	Widney	48½	..	0.2	5.3

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
670	520	AB Food	680	+ 30½	2.1	18.6
270	202½	Acatos & Hutch	209	- 1	8.3	..
37	18½	Albert Fisher	19	...	22.2	7.4
285	192½	Banks (S C)	200	...	7.2	7.3
513	417	Barr (AG)	508½	...	4.1	9.8
45	34	Bensons Crsp	39	...	5.5	8.1
380	209	Booker	230	- 6	13.0	10.2
1077½	571½	Brake Bros	817½	...	1.7	22.3
125	85	CPL Aromast	85	- 3	6.3	8.1
985	600	Cadbury-Schwt	940	- 8	1.9	25.3
282	105	Carrs Milling	128½	...	11.2	6.3
345½	234½	Dransedck	325½	...	4.5	12.9
371	253	Dairy Crest Groupt	343½	- ½	4.0	13.4
57	37½	Daniels S	49½	...	1.3	16.2
545½	301	Devro	301	- 9	3.9	12.8
188½	149½	Express Dairies	166	...	6.2	12.5
142½	99	Finlay (James)	118½	...	3.6	12.6
611	404	Geest	556	+ 16	2.2	22.3
15½	8½	Global	18½	...	8.1	13.7
380	285	Greencore†	340	...	2.6	18.7
240½	164½	Hazlewood Fds	210	- 2½	4.4	15.2
214½	142	Hillsdown	173	- ½	6.8	10.0
415	382	Linden Park	405	...	8.9	7.0
124	86	Matthews (B)	118½	...	4.5	18.1
227½	204½	Nichols (V)	205½	...	4.8	10.8
240	182	Nitsa Foods	200	+ 1	4.1	17.8
20	14	Northdrink Frt	14½	...	2.6	6.3
225½	178½	PIC Intl	213	- ½	...	...
137½	89½	Paramount Foods	121½	- 1½	5.3	13.9
57	36½	Pascoe's	36½	...		
151½	82½	Perkins Food	151½	+ 1½	3.8	19.6
88	69½	Plant & Gen	79	...		
82	59	Sentry Farm	69	...	5.4	..
30	19½	Swinn Food	33	...	...	8.7
583	440½	Tate & Lyle	493	+ 4	3.4	11.1
187	111½	Treat	140	...	5.5	10.7
739½	581½	Unigate†	630	- 1	4.4	13.5
741	346½	Unilevert	673	- 3	1.6	31.6
5053½	3560	Unilever (NV)	4871½	+ 28½	1.4	13.3
300	216½	Utd Biscuits	253	...	5.2	18.0
82½	44½	WT Foods†	56	...	3.3	...

HEALTHCARE

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
541	318½	Alnce UniChem	535	+ 5	2.3	23.7
170	135	Assoc Nursg	165	...	3.1	15.2
1025	683	Bespak†	1010	...	1.7	.
526	94	Biocompas Intl	99½	+ 4	..	
245½	144	Care UK	236	- ½	0.7	25.4
88½	28½	Celsis	31	...		
559½	389½	Community H	542½	...	2.8	19.8
34½	36½	CrestaCare	34½	...	3.6	16.4
18½	7½	Enviromed	13½	...		62.3
164½	122½	Forans Group†	150	...	2.8	13.0
172½	144½	Gyrus	159½	...		
233	141	Huntngdn Tec	215½	+ 9	1.8	25.3
139½	78½	Innovative Tech	87½	- 4		
95	68	Intercare Gp	73½	+ 1	5.8	40.7
593	495	Isotron	547½	...	1.5	19.6
224½	150	Lon Intl†	224½	+ 2½	1.4	34.9
360	190½	Nestor Hlth	332½	...	1.5	35.7
532	335½	Nycomed Amsh	450	- 2	1.0	25.8
5½	5	Premier Healtht	5½	...		
11	6½	Regina	7½	...		
508½	255½	Schott	494½	+ 21	2.2	27.2
822½	501½	Seton Scholl†	782½	+ 48	1.6	24.1
819	430	Shield Diag	512½	- 7½	...	
230	168	Sinclair Mont	170½	- 1	0.1	60.7
194	142	Smith & Neph	155	+ 4½	4.0	14.3
3½	1½	Tamarist	1½	...	6.3	...
412½	295	West Hlthcare	331½	...	2.6	15.1

HOUSEHOLD GDS & TEXT

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
177½	132½	Airsprungt	147½	...	6.2	7.7
220	165½	Alba	178½	...	4.7	9.3
85	55	Allotout	66	...	6.2	7.6
166½	120½	Alexandra	143½	...	6.1	11.5
167½	120½	Allied Textile	121½	...	8.7	8.0
25½	13½	Amoor	18	- ½	5.1	44.7
205	148	BLP Group	148	...	6.3	5.4
285½	202½	Baird (Wm)	202½	- 1	8.4	10.4
53½	48½	Bilston Batsen	48½	...	1.9	..
149½	97½	Black Arrow	108½	...	5.0	8.9
421½	351	Black (Peter)	351	- 4½	2.3	16.4
94½	78	British Mohair	85	...	5.9	73.3
88½	13	Claremont Gar	41½	...	8.0	..
100	70½	Coats Viyella†	76½	- 1	8.1	27.6
182½	129½	Conwell Prfr 5p	131	...	8.1	10.5
368	285	Courtaulds Text	312½	+ 5	6.1	11.9
33½	22½	Creightons†	23½	...	...	
13½	4½	Dallyeth	4½	...	7.9	...
88½	30	Dawson	30½	...	14.7	4.4
167½	126	Dewby Groupt	146½	...	4.0	10.7
267½	174	Dewhirst	179½	+ ½	3.8	10.9
27	17	Dinkie Heel	21½	...	9.3	7.8
27	11½	Drummond Group	17	- ½	3.7	38.5
130	104½	Eclipse Blinds	112½	...	4.0	9.8
42	29	Ebbtd	33½	...	4.5	7.0
131½	82½	FII Group	84	...	8.0	8.4
34	23	Faupel Trading	24½	...	11.3	5.4
10½	3½	Foster (J)	4½	- ¼		
44½	35½	Freeds	36	...	5.5	...
502½	341½	Gaskel†	465	+ 1½	2.3	8.8
78½	42½	Haggas (J)	43½	...	12.9	8.5
13	8½	Hartstone Group	12½	...	1.6	
257½	192½	Hicking Pentecost†	194	...	5.3	9.0
4	2½	Hollas Group#	2½	...		
18½	10½	Honeysuckle Gp#	14	...		
102	82½	Horace Small	94	...		
405	260	IMP Intt	315	+ 5	2.0	...
25½	9½	Jacques Vert	10	...		
52½	33½	Jerome Grp	38	+ ½	11.7	12.9
320	271½	Jones Stroud	271½	- 3½	5.2	11.5
72½	47½	Jourdan (T)	60½	...	3.1	...
134	80	Kenwood App	108	...		14.5
245	200	Lambert Howarth	229½	+ 2½	4.6	10.1
152	119	Lamont Hldgs	119	...	13.4	8.4
123	58½	Leeds Group	61½	+ 1½	14.2	4.5
17	8½	Leslie Wise	12	...	15.6	5.1
16	11½	Lionheart	11½	...	4.4	9.0
90	68	Lyles (S)	75	...	4.2	7.6
210	185	McBride	193½	...	4.6	14.1
138	103½	Maybom	120½	- 2	8.3	8.5
650	550	Osborne & Littlet	582½	...	5.1	10.4
4½	2½	PEX Group	2½	...	4.6	...
126	29	Parkland Group	30	+ 1	17.5	...
475	485	Paterson Zch	451½	...	4.6	10.0
425	375	Paterson Zch 'A'	403½	...	5.4	8.9
129	98	Pentland Group	98½	...	4.8	13.8
220	179	Pifco	186	...	4.4	9.4
203	174	Pifco 'A' Vtg	178	...	4.6	9.0
60½	37½	Pitards	39	+ 1	11.2	8.6
44½	38	Readicut Intt	40½	...	7.9	...
1300	852	Reckitt Coim	1173	+ 3	2.0	21.7
620	430½	Relyon	561½	...	3.3	17.8
38	17½	Richards	20½	...	12.2	..
227½	174½	Royal Doulton	207½	- ½	6.0	22.4
32½	20½	SEET	29½	...	...	...
45½	29	Sherwood Group	37½	...	12.0	10.0
110½	89½	Stalch	88½	...	5.4	11.9
285	260	Silentnight	270	...	5.3	11.0
70½	52½	Sidlar	57	...	12.2	7.2
53	32½	Stirling Group	43	- ½	7.6	7.8
16½	3½	Stoddard	8	...	5.8	...
252½	118	Stoves	122½	...	8.1	8.0
278½	115½	Swallowfield	117½	- 2½	8.5	5.6
208½	140	Tomkinsons	140	...	10.3	7.1
142	134	Ulster (F)	135	...	10.2	8.9
80	60	Victoria	76	+ 1	5.8	7.1
165	117½	Vymura	135	...	5.0	9.5
75	40	Walker Greenbk	70	...	8.6	11.1
105½	78½	Wilford Widgwd	87	+ ½	1.9	24.5
100½	59½	Wensum	93	...	5.7	7.9
195	185	Wood (Arthur)	185	...	4.7	12.3
140	80½	Yorklyde	80	...	8.9	14.2

INSURANCE

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
4606½	3250	Am Gen	4540¼	...	2.8	...
149½	108	Angerstein	141½	+ ½	9.3	11.0
4550	3303¼	Aon Corpn	4458¼	- 12½	1.5	...
65½	39½	Bradstock	41½	+ ½	15.0	..
1364	1102½	Britannic	1242½	+ 27½	3.4	8.4
1300	707	CGU	1196	+ 36	2.7	24.2
167	129	CLM Insuri	158½	...	10.2	10.3
277½	260½	Charles Taylor	280½	...	2.2	29.7
525½	232½	Cox Insr A	489	+ 8½	1.1	28.1
555	405	Davs & Gen	545	...	2.8	28.0
159	112	Euclidian	133½	...	14.0	16.6
491½	308	FBD IE	448½	+ ...	2.1	17.1
495	325	GAN	379	- 6	3.2	5.5
748½	441½	Hiberian IE	682	+ 2½	1.5	13.0
261	165	Hiscox†	238	+ 2½	1.7	29.2
397½	229	Independent	338	- 1	2.2	16.9
615½	342½	Irish Life	592½	- 5½	2.2	17.7
193½	151½	Jardine Lyd Th	179½	...	7.0	12.9
185½	107	Jdn Cpdeltt	184½	...	9.3	13.0
120½	100½	Lambert Fen	102	+ ½	7.1	7.8
785	532	Legal & Gen	730	- 17	2.2	18.3
2278½	1078½	Liberty Life	1140½	- 6½	2.8	12.7
244	145	Limit	219	...	4.0	4.9
627½	479	Londo & Man	492½	+ 8½	6.3	20.2
3878½	2891½	Marsh McLn	3878½	+ 37½	2.5	..
135	100	Meadowst	118	...	5.8	8.5
107	79	New London Cap	84½	...	11.1	
558	385	Norwich Union	485½	+ 5½	3.0	19.2
158	102½	Ockham	145	...	3.8	17.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
110½	81½	Odei	107½	...	6.2	..
138	117	Premium Trust	133	...	3.7	27.4
1000	654	Prudential	892	+ 16	2.1	21.9
24½	17½	PWS†	21½	- ½	4.4	4.9
826	550	Royal & Sun Al	674	+ 18	3.4	17.9
383	167½	St James Place	344	- 2	0.5	40.4
169½	123½	Sedgwick	137½	- ½	5.1	12.3
29	20	Stad Bund	21½	+ ½	8.7	..
645	434½	Sun Life & Pr	588	- 12	2.5	28.6
160	118	Syndicate Cap#	160	...	7.2	12.6
631	521½	Utd Assurance	618½	+ 8½	4.2	14.5
275	147½	Wallington	273	- ½	3.6	11.5
181	128½	Willis Corroon	177	+ 2½	4.8	14.9
16	10½	Windsor	12½	+ ½	8.9	..
191½	146½	Wren	176½	...	9.3	14.1

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678	490	3i†	605	+ 5	2.1	33.5
65	47½	Aberdeen Emg Ec	57¼	+ 1¼	..	
137½	98½	Aberdeen High Inc	128½	+ 1	7.5	19.1
133	84	Abrdn New Dawn†	100	+ 4	2.1	..
257	208½	Aberforth Smir	226	+ 2½	4.0	24.9
159½	118	Aberforth Sm Wts	124½	+ 1½	..	
3087½	2466	Alliance	3085	+ 27½	2.4	47.3
747	584	Anglo & O'seas	743½	+ 3½	1.7	66.9
74½	56	Aust Opps	61½	+ ½	0.5	...
67	50½	Baillie Gifford SN	58½	+ ½	..	
280	238½	Bankers	265	+ 3½	2.1	46.2
118	85½	Baring Ere Ea	109½	+ 1½	..	
614½	468½	Baring Tribne	614½	+ 7	1.7	60.0
142½	114½	Br Assets	140½	+ 2½	4.4	26.2
122½	105	Br Empire Sec	120½	+ ½	1.1	86.4
61½	42½	Brazilian	52½	+ ½	1.5	55.6
375½	313	Brunner	360	+ 2	2.3	58.5
118	74½	Caingorm Dom	85	+ 1½	1.3	..
1000	737½	Candover	870	...	2.9	35.7
68½	53½	Central Euro Gwth	58½	..		
535	364	Chart European	534	+ 4½	1.4	...
198	188	City Merch HY	194	+ 1½	6.1	15.9
281	230	City Of Lon	274	+ 3½	3.1	...
77½	74½	Dassa Inv Inc	76	+ ½	13.6	9.7
635	530	Darby Cap	615	+ 7½	..	
156	127½	Derby Inc	136½	...	17.6	4.3
242½	170½	Dres RCM Smlr	221½	- 2	1.5	..
220½	174½	Dunedin Inc G	215	+ 3½	3.5	34.0
487	335½	Dunedin Smir	418½	+ ½	3.1	35.5
60½	40	Eden Dragon	47	+ 1½	...	
29½	21	Edinburgh Incs	26½	+ ½	...	
519	413½	Edinburgh IT	587	+ 6½	2.8	35.0
105	81½	Edin Japan	93½	+ ½	..	..
559	424½	Edin US Trk	558	+ 6½	0.9	...
673	527	Electra Invt	639	+ ½	2.0	45.1
189½	157	Eng & Scot	181	+ ½	2.4	39.2
605½	374	European Asset	590	+ 5	0.8	...
70½	40½	Fidity Asian Vd	48½	+ 1½	..	
398	277½	Fidity Euro Val	383	+ 7	0.2	...
32½	25	Fidity Jap Val	30½	+ ½		
177½	135½	Fidity Spec Val	169	+ 3	1.0	...
281	217½	Finsbury 'A'†	276½	...	1.8	...
223	173	Finsbury Gwth	209	...	2.2	58.6
155½	116½	Five Arr Chile	120½	+ ½	2.5	54.6
18½	1½	Five Arr Wts	1½	...		
647½	513½	Fleming Amer	644	+ 6	0.4	...
64	34½	Fleming Asian	43½	+ 1½	..	..
12½	5	Fleming Asian Wts	9½	+ ½	..	..
64½	39½	Fleming Chinese	35½	...		
27½	16½	Fleming Ch Wts	16½	...		
507½	401½	Fleming Claver	493½	+ 3½	1.7	68.4
889½	471	Fleming Contl	694	+ 8½	0.6	...
134	99	Fleming Em Mkts	117	+ 1½	0.4	...
392½	271	Fleming Enter	364	+ 5½	1.8	54.2
411	307	Flem Gwl Gth Ord	400	+ 8	0.9	...
164	143½	Flem Grd Gth Prf	162½	...	10.0	...
132½	102½	Fleming Inc Cap	123½	- ½	5.8	18.9
112½	105½	Fleming Ing Inc	108½	+ 1½	11.4	10.0
350½	245½	Fleming Ing Cap	342½	+ 7½	..	
58½	34½	Fleming Japan	38½	+ ½	..	
12½	4½	Fleming Jp Wts	8½	+ ½	..	
167½	121	Fleming Japan	149½	+ 2½	...	
478	364½	Fleming Merc†	422½	+ 3½	3.1	38.3
92	70½	Fleming Nat Res	72½	- ½	0.3	...
457½	352½	Fleming Oseas	437	+ 5½	1.3	..
209½	148½	Fleming Smlr Cs	184½	- 1	3.0	53.6
506½	371½	Fleming US Disc	460½	+ 1½	0.3	...
210½	168	Foreign & Col	207½	+ 1½	1.4	72.5
142½	97	F&C Inc Gwt	126	+ 3	3.6	32.4
107½	71½	F&C Emg Mkts	82½	+ 1	...	
302½	185	F&C Enterprise	298	+ 2	1.6	64.5
372	361½	F&C Eurost	569	+ 5½	0.6	...
131	95	F&C Pacific	112	+ 1½	2.1	58.4
182½	144½	F&C PEP	174	+ ½	3.8	38.0
227	177	F&C Smallert	215	+ 1½	1.7	55.3
179½	144½	F&C US Smr	176½	+ 2	...	
89½	60½	Framlin Inc	85½	...	10.0	11.2
173½	109½	Framlin Cap	161½	+ 2½	...	...
285	133½	Framl Dual Cp	257	+ 6½	...	...
63½	38½	Folcrum Cap	58½	+ ½	...	
22½	12½	Folcrum Inc	12½	...	64.6	1.2
196	186	Folcrum Zero	196	...	...	
335	270½	Gartmore Brit	327½	...	3.2	35.4
364½	242½	Gartmore Euro	352½	+ 3½	0.5	...
156	110	Gartmore Smid	151½	+ ½	8.2	15.1
482½	345½	G'more Smlr Cos	418½	+ ½	1.8	61.5
86½	52½	Geared Inc Ord	74	...	7.5	13.2
60	51½	Geared Inc Inc	59½	+ ½	9.3	..
106	101	Geared Inc 0 Pt	108	...	...	
103	59	Gov Asn Sm Cos	70	+ 2	1.0	...
92½	65	Gov Eng Mts	78½	+ 1½	0.6	...
215	151½	Govett Am Smlr	212½	+ 2½	...	
98½	81½	Govett High Inct	97	+ 1	7.2	...
108½	72	Govett Oriental	78½	+ 1	1.1	63.1
459	379½	Govett Strategic	471	+ 4	2.0	44.5
35	19½	Gresham House	30½	..	1.5	2.3
147½	119	GT Inc Growth	139½	+ ½	3.8	30.7
189½	130	GT Japan	152½	+ 3½	0.3	...
159½	114½	Gwth R Ex Inc	151	...	6.9	...
78½	61	Henderson Am Cp	78½	+ ½	...	
122½	112	Henderson Am Inc	120½	...	8.1	13.3
45½	29	Henderson Am Wt	45	+ ½	...	
367½	281½	Hend Elec Gen	367	+ 5½	1.3	...
132½	84	Hend For Eas	96½	+ 2½	8.8	13.8
580	452	Hend Grnlest	570	...	1.7	71.5
181	151½	Hend High Inct	181	+ 2	4.7	24.7
42½	30½	Hend Jap Smlr	37½	+ 1½	...	
300	219	Hend Smlr	294½	+ 3½	1.7	70.9
626½	485	Hend Strats	623½	+ 3½	0.1	...
68½	44	Hend TR Pac	53½	+ 1½	0.6	77.3
127½	88½	Hend Tech	127	+ 2	...	
203	135½	Herald	200	+ 2	0.5	...
133½	105½	High Income T†	130½	+ 1	6.5	18.4
174½	140	H Govett Smir	164½	...	2.8	42.9
195½	138½	IBS UK Smllr	185	...	2.0	63.0
214½	180	Inv Cap	207	+ 4½	3.5	31.2
70½	58½	Inv Bioles	59½	...	...	
20	1½	Inl Biotec Wts	2	...	...	
59½	34½	INVESCO Asiat	41½	+ 1	2.0	38.1
217½	175½	INVESCO Eng Inl	193½	...	0.5	89.9
36½	25½	INVESCO Jap Ca	31½	+ ½	...	
42½	25½	INVESCO Korea	32½	+ 1½	...	
33½	22½	INVESCO Tokyo	27½	+ ½	...	
107½	83½	JF Fledg Jap	98½	+ 1	...	...
205½	135	J Fry Euro U	205½	+ 4½	3.4	...

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137½	65½	J Fry Util▼	136	+ 4½	5.2	16.2
91½	79½	J Fry Util Inct	91	...	7.7	66.0
150	121½	Jupiter Ex Inct	143½		6.9	18.2
43½	19½	Jupiter Ex Incwts	39½			
105	91	Jupiter Grd Cap	107	+ 1	9.9	10.7
51½	44	Jupiter Grd Pfd	49½			
160½	135½	Jupiter Intl Gro	155½		3.3	..
872½	518	Jupiter Prima	795	- 20	0.9	...
104	73½	Kiwi E Mid	89½	+ 1	...	...
178½	164½	Kiwi End	178½			
201½	89	Korea—Euro	105½	+ ½	1.2	47.9
132	97	Latin American	112½	+ 1½		
1289	1077½	Law Debenture	1265	+ 12½	2.8	35.2
121½	111½	Lon Ofl Opp	118			
161½	124½	Lloyds Sm Cap	148½			
22	16½	Lloyds Sm Div	18½	...	29.0	4.3
178	143	Lloyds Sm Prg	167		3.3	...
217½	173½	Lon St Lawrence	209½		3.8	32.5
429	341½	Lowland	416½	+ 1½	3.5	35.7
812½	797½	M&G 2nd Dual Cp#	800			
51½	50	M&G 2nd-Dual Inc#	50			1.6
101	75½	M&G Inc Geared†	96	+ ½	7.9	17.2
78½	54	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cp	74½	+ 1		
26½	21½	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inct	21½	+ ½		3.6
183½	150½	M&G Inc Packaget	178½	+ ½	4.2	32.0
85	77½	M&G Inc Zero Div	80½			
70½	31	M&G Rec Cap	60½	+ ½		
95½	53½	M&G Rec Geared	89½	- ½	8.3	
28	21	M&G Rec Inc	22½	+ ½		4.0
206	160	M&G Rec Pacge	201½	+ 1	3.7	
114½	108½	M&G Rec Zero Div	114½	+ ½		
240½	160½	M Currie Euro	239½	+ 5	0.5	
84½	60	M Currie Japan	74	+ 1½		
125½	88	M Currie Pac	100½	+ 2½	2.4	48.4
369½	292½	Majedie	363	+ 2	2.4	55.1
436½	355	Merchants	425½	+ 5½	4.6	28.4
179½	132	Mercury Euro Pv	178½	+ 1½	1.9	42.6
98	50½	Mercury Emr Mt	65½	+ 2		
74½	56½	Mercury World	61½	+ 1	1.7	67.0
830	677½	Monks Inv Tst	819	+ 7	1.5	66.9
209½	180	Morg Gren Inc	198½	+ 2	4.4	27.8
106½	80½	Morg Wts	96½	+ ½		
82	62	Morg Lan Amer	74½	+ 1½	0.7	
32½	18½	Morg Wts	24½	+ ½		
142½	110½	Murray Ent	134		2.9	45.9
29½	10	Murray Ent Wts	21			
71	49½	Murray Emg Eco	58½	+ 1	1.2	72.1
11½	4½	Murray Em Ec Wt	7½			
536	448	Murray Incnet	504		3.6	36.1
585	431½	Murray Intl	491½	+ 5½	3.6	32.6
214½	205½	Murray S/C DP	214½	+		
395	270	Murray S/C Cap	379½	+ 6		
64½	52½	Murray S/C Inc	54½		28.2	4.3
5150	4950	Murray S/C Uts	4900		3.1	39.0
434½	340	Murray Small	408½	+ 6	1.9	
416	379½	Murray Ventr	395½		4.8	
289½	271½	Newest Ent	285½	...	2.2	44.0
5½	2½	Newmarket	2½			
56½	33½	Pacific Assets	39	+ ½	1.3	..
140	83	Perpetual Euro	137½	- ½	0.4	..
159½	125	Perp Inc Gth	144½	+ 2½	3.5	..
37	26½	Perpetual Jap	30½	+ ½		
424½	322½	Perpt UK Sm Co	381½	- 1	2.2	50.0
£200¼	£188	Personal Assets	£197	- 50	1.6	56.3
158	130½	Prolific Inc	147	+ 1	3.6	31.5
379	270	RIT Cap Ptnr	379	+ 4	0.7	
559½	518½	Robeco	543½	+ ½	2.0	61.4
565	524	Rolinco	551½	+ ½	0.8	..
59½	33½	Schrd Asia Pac	41½	+ 1½	1.5	..
73	61	Schrod Emg Co	60½	+ ½		
165½	138½	Schrod Inc Gwtt	157½	+ 1	3.6	28.3
61½	43	Schrod Jap Gwth	54½	+ 1		
38½	14½	Schrod Korea	16½	+ ½		
93½	43½	Schrod Split Cap	76	+ 2		
135	114½	Schrod Split Inc	128		8.5	15.1
160	154½	Schrod Split Zero	157½	+		
179½	142	Schrod UK Gwtt	168½	+ 1½	2.7	40.0
189½	165½	Schrod Vent Inl	179½	+	1.2	
388½	311	Scotl	386½	+ 3	1.9	61.5
233	183½	Scot American	230	+ 2½	3.0	38.8
144½	91½	Scot Asian	105	+ 2		
140½	110½	Scot Eastern	138½		1.8	53.8
398½	316½	Scot Mtge	397	+ 4	1.7	66.0
113½	100½	Scot Natl Tst	109½	+ ½	11.1	11.5
153	119½	Scot Value	144	- ½	1.7	38.2
2755	2160½	Second Alliance	2740	+ 30	2.5	51.3
133½	112½	Secs Tst of Scot	130½	+ 2½	3.7	32.0
287	149½	Shires Smlr	185½		4.2	29.4
183½	133½	Smaller Cos	169	+ 1	2.4	60.5
398	353	St Andrew Inv	398		3.2	38.0
615	484	Temple Bar	615	+ 7	3.9	31.2
103½	82½	Throgmorton	91½	+ 1	3.3	40.1
128½	94	Tpilion Emg Mkt	105½	+ ½	1.3	61.8
274½	187½	TR Euro Growth	273	+ 4	0.4	..
50½	44½	TR Propertyt	45½	+ ½	3.8	34.7
412½	374	TR Tech Inv#	400		11.9	32.0
364	273	Tokey Trust#	336½		1.3	..
169½	148½	Undervalued Ast	161½	- ½	1.8	40.4
167	150½	Value Inc Tst	163		3.7	30.2
158½	102½	Value Real	137	+ 2	1.1	...
56	40½	Warrants & Val	52½	+		
110½	87½	Wigmore	102		0.9	...
401	310½	Witan	401	+ 5	2.2	49.5
74½	65½	Yeoman Inc	67	...	31.0	4.3



LEISURE & HOTELS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
28½	11	ABI Leis#	13½	...	15.1	...
543½	405½	Airtours	453½	- 1½	1.9	23.8
33	23½	Ald Leis	26	...	4.9	8.2
21	16	Arena Leis	19	...	...	38.1
157½	115	BS Group	132½	...	4.7	...
170	110	Baldwin	170	...	2.9	...
120	82	Bluebird Toys	114½	...	10.4	10.5
800	575	Boosey Hwks	645	...	1.9	25.8
35½	27½	Borodene	33	...	8.8	7.7
159½	75½	Capital Corps	79½	+ 3	8.1	8.9
104½	55	Clevedon	93½	...	2.7	21.3
109½	70½	Clubhaus	91½	...	...	24.3
305	144	EMC	189	- 1½	0.4	...
318	223	Eurocamp†	234	...	6.3	8.2
110½	67	Euro Disney	110½	...	...	...
148½	120½	Euro Leisure	125	...	4.2	7.9
188½	86½	First Choice▲	156½	...	2.3	22.2
437½	269½	First Leisure	339½	- 1½	3.5	17.8
159½	110½	Friendly Hotelst	142½	...	5.2	12.2
1217	837	Granada†	1106	- 4	1.7	21.0
51½	38½	Hi-Tec Sports	45	- ½	5.8	8.3
288	207½	Holmes Place	245½	+ 1	1.5	39.4
282½	185½	Hornby	230	...	3.9	10.5
373	255	Hornblock†	257	- ½	5.5	14.7
200	148	Jarvis Hotelst	158½	+ ½	3.5	9.6
569½	351½	Jurys Hotelt	551	+ ½	1.7	...
37½	24½	Kunick	29½	- 1	3.5	13.8
370	250	Ladbroke	322½	+ 9½	2.3	23.6
328½	140½	London Clubst	165	+ 8½	5.2	12.1
243½	182½	Macdonald Hlst	206½	+ 1	3.0	...
164½	123½	Man Utd	164	...	1.2	26.3
58½	33½	Mandarin Orntl	38½	+ 1	5.8	7.8
620½	418½	Millennium & Cop	500½	- 1	2.1	19.3
1½	0½	Millwall Hldgs	1	...	...	...
102½	72½	Newcastle Utd	72½	- 1	2.8	7.8
300	158½	Northern	201½	- 15½	2.5	24.7
76½	44½	Priory Leisure	63½	- 1½	13.5	4.3
38	19½	Queensborough	27	...	1.9	10.5
43½	12½	Queens Moat	33½	...	...	7.3
421	283½	Rank Grp	313	- 3	7.2	12.1
48	38½	Regal Hotel	41	+ 1	3.8	7.3
84½	50½	Ryan Hotels IE	76	...	3.2	...
1900	1175	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1650	...	1.6	27.0
51½	25½	Sheffield United	27½	...		

MEDIA

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
252½	171½	Sinclair (Wm)	172½		6.6	8.3
80½	63½	Southampton	69		1.8	
143½	91	Stakis	125	+ 1	2.7	16.4
300½	250½	Stanley Leisure	300½	+ 20	1.7	21.2
10	4	Tandem	7			
346	346	Takeng#	346		1.3	25.0
250½	157	Thistle Hotels	222	- ½	2.4	18.2
200	172½	Thomson Travel	189		1.9	23.0
76½	59½	Tottenham Hot	68		1.8	18.0
212½	135½	Vardon	175½		1.7	21.2
412½	302½	Wembley	390½	- 4	1.0	9.7
182½	116½	Zetters Gp	137½	+ 4	10.4	..
445	324	Abbot Mead	413½	...	2.0	31.7
179½	144½	Adscene	144½		7.4	16.1
102½	64½	Aegis Gp	102½	+ 1½	0.7	28.1
154	70	Aspen Gp	84		3.7	
195	145½	Atlantic Telecom	150			
232	185	Barbour Index	231	+ 1	5.5	26.4
3½	0½	Birdale	1½			
400	320	Black (A&C)	380		4.6	15.2
370½	357½	Border TV	321		3.0	
515	410	Bristol†	497½		4.4	12.0
310½	129½	Brit Aircraft	258½	+ 10	0.9	37.2
594	333	BSkyB	493½	+ 5½	1.5	31.4
747½	497	Capital Radio	690		2.6	21.6
586	408	Carlton Commt	566	+ 9	2.8	16.9
402½	145	Character Grp†	331½	- 13	1.8	13.3
63	48	Chime Comms	61		3.9	16.7
787½	602½	Chrysalis	785		0.4	
92½	77	City of Lon†	82½		9.3	12.2
106½	83½	Copyright Proms	101½			51.5
137	88	Cordiant Commst	132½		0.9	22.3
228½	143½	Creative Pubt	227½		4.1	18.0
3184½	2064½	Daily Mail	2825		1.1	26.8
3250	2000	Daily Mail 'A'	2825		1.1	26.9
206½	129½	Dialog	172½	- 3½		
267	203	Dorling Kind	220	+ 1½	2.6	60.8
485	265½	Dudley Jenkins	445		1.8	
1317½	905	EMAP†	1240	- 10	1.5	27.6
685	420	EMI	512	+ 5	3.2	25.3
1117½	877½	Elsevier	1018	+ 15½	2.5	79.5
2412½	1495	Euromoney Pb	2400		2.8	24.2
69	50½	Flich	68½		1.3	12.2
561	468	Flextech	522½	- 3		
245	155½	GWR Gpt	218½		1.9	28.4
395	187½	Gearhouse Group	190		4.7	9.5
55½	34½	Goodhead	45		1.4	14.8
550	290	HIT Enter	547½		0.2	69.2
287½	262½	Haynes Pub	262½		5.4	11.0
14½	9½	Highbury Hse	11			74.5
280	204	Hodder H'line	266		3.4	16.9
580	400	Home Counts	575		1.2	35.8
537	365	IBC	505½	- 1	2.6	16.6
93½	69	ITE Group	71	- 1		
30½	18½	Incepiat	27½	- ½	1.6	12.1
397½	307½	Independent	307½		2.6	21.5
59½	40½	Int Public Rel	49½		4.1	10.3
162	122	Intereurope	123½		4.8	9.0
250	196½	Johnston Press	218	+ 1½	1.7	17.0
366½	309½	LLP Group	309½		1.9	25.2
65½	30	Lopex	63	+ ½	2.0	13.4
472½	305	Maiden	458		1.8	25.2
38½	14½	Mediakey	16		9.4	6.0
1405	940	Metal Bulletin	1390		2.1	35.0
240	170	Mirror Gp	214	- ½	2.9	15.8
1190	713	Mono Grp	1103		1.9	23.3
496½	333	News Corp	488	- ½	0.2	21.8
449½	292½	News Corp Pfd	435	+ 1½	0.7	...
337½	252½	Newsquest	330½	+ 2	2.0	18.6
15½	11½	Osprey Comms	15			
1230	765	Pearson	1130	+ 26	2.2	32.4
56½	34½	Photolink	40½			
1225	867½	Portsmth Sundt	1215		1.9	18.9
115½	51½	Quarto	98½		5.7	13.4
730	448½	Reed Intl	624	+ 13	2.9	30.5
770	509½	Reuters	644	- 17½	2.5	24.1
185	100½	Saatchi	116		0.9	...
880	651	Scot Med	794		3.5	17.6
564	375	Scot Radio	564		2.2	30.5
14½	6½	Sleepy Kids	12½	+		
550	448	Southnews†	490	- 5	2.4	16.7
24½	12½	Sterling Publt	13	- 1	3.2	5.2
79½	50½	Taurus	57½			
145½	85½	Taylor Nelson	129½	- ½	1.0	40.3
270	204	Television Cp	230	- 1½	2.0	16.3
268½	163½	Tempus Gp	248	- 1	1.4	26.6
1920	1548½	Thomson Corp	1858	- 5½	2.6	39.2
573	478	Trinity	506½		3.3	16.1
245	175	Ulster TV	176	- 1	4.0	18.3
953	638	United News	887	- 23	2.7	19.3
115½	55½	VCI	58½		16.9	4.3
127½	75½	VTR	108½		5.5	7.7
470	240	WPP	446	- 13½	0.5	28.4
204½	123½	Wilmington	203½	...	0.9	36.6

MINING

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3440½	2290½	Ang Am Coal	3031½	- 69½	4.5	9.6
3553½	1953½	Ang Am	2240½	- 137½	3.4	11.2
3268½	2062½	Ang Am Gold	2495½	- 118½	4.7	21.3
971½	634½	Anglo Am Plts	769½	- 18½	2.8	25.8
3382½	2040½	Angloguld	2725	- 69½	9.0	15.4
22½	14½	Anglo Pac Grp	14½	-		
31½	20½	Arcon Intl	23			
645½	411½	Ashanti	442½	+ 2½	2.8	14.4
62	28	Ashton	40		3.8	..
112	37½	Avocet	39			
187½	117	Billiton	137	+ 1½	4.5	11.2
35	31½	Bischi	32		3.6	10.5
20½	13	Bougainville	14½	+ ½		
299½	193	Centrl Pacific	213½	+ 4½		
50	21½	Cons Murchison	35	- ½		1.0
1609½	1027½	De Beers	1087½	- 31½	4.4	7.6
426½	293½	Driefontein	317½	+ 3½	3.3	12.1
235½	88	Durban	128½	- 8½		
18½	10½	E Rand Prop	14½	+ ½		24.6
278½	201	Eng China Cl	212½	+ 3	7.6	9.9
158½	92	Exelor	137½	- 7½	9.5	..
385½	92	FS Cons	254½	- 4½	12.4	8.1
71½	17	FS Dev	27	- ½		
1103½	675	GFSA	818½	+ 8½	2.8	19.8
149½	85½	Gencor	108½	- 3½	3.0	8.3
145½	85½	Gold Fields Prop	95½	- 1½	6.8	12.2
41	14½	Greenwich R 'A'	21½			
356½	112½	Harmony	273	- 3		8.6
799½	443½	Impala Plat	643½	- 18½	2.2	15.4
13½	8½	Kenmare Res	10			
33½	14	Kidston	18½			
369	239½	Lonrho	293	+ 4	7.3	11.3
11½	4½	Meekatharra	6			
42	28½	MIM	31½	+ 1½	3.8	..
1175	708½	Minorco	737½		5.3	9.0
105	65	Montagle	100	+ 10	4.9	..
73½	48½	Normandy	50½	+ ½	4.5	11.0
177½	114½	North	146½	+ 6½	3.4	21.0
60	22½	Petaling Tin	26½	+ 4	1.7	..
111	48½	REC	82	+ ½	4.7	4.4
170	80	RJB	132		18.8	1.7
29½	22½	Rockwood	23½	+ ½	17.6	5.0
196½	77½	Randfontein	130½	+ 1½	3.8	16.3
121½	60	Reunion Mng	60			
898	641	Rio Tinto	709½	- 6½	4.5	13.4
871	660½	Rio Tinto Ltd	737½	+ 18½	3.8	18.4
8½	2½	St Barbara	2½			
197	120½	St Helena	139½	- 3	18.3	2.4
192½	138½	Sons Gwalia	157½	+ 2	6.3	11.4
130½	74½	Siham Pacific	81½	+ ½		
228½	162½	WMC	201½	+ 6	2.3	25.8
27	11½	Wankie Col Z	11½	- ½	5.8	..
67½	29½	Water Hall	33½			35.8
443	381½	Walls Blake	404		5.4	12.0
148	84½	Zambia Copper	99½	- 1½		

OIL & GAS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
221½	155½	Abbot Group	211½	- ½	1.6	27.3
32½	19½	Alliance Res#	32½			
64½	49½	Aminex	50	+ ½		
77	50½	Aus Oil & Gas	57½	- 1½	2.7	18.8
27½	9½	Aviva Pel	9½			
430	298	Br Borneo	325½	+ 12½	1.1	58.3
391	265	BG	375	+ 6	2.7	35.7
972	708½	Br Petroleumt	859½	+ 8½	3.3	22.1
1½	0½	Bula Resources	1			
1340	885	Burmah Castrl	1109	+ 2	3.7	16.3
498½	261½	Cairn Energy	267½	- 1½		48.4
119	89	Candecca	108½	+ 1½		
14½	5	Coplex Res	7			
22½	14½	Dana Pet	14½	- ½		
72½	34½	Dragon Oil	34½			
28½	19	Edin Oil & Gs	21½		1.7	15.6
10	5½	Emerald Energy	6½			
697	510	Enterprise	553	- 5	3.9	28.9
14½	7½	Fortune	7½			29.6
294½	208½	Hardy Oil▲	212½	- 2	0.6	44.8
47½	31½	JKX Oil & Gas	34			
430	178	KBC Adv Tech	179	- 8	2.3	15.8
305	220	LASMO	242	+ 7½	1.0	64.9
42½	29½	Lasmo Units	31		27.2	
83	55	Monument	55	- ½		19.7
3118½	2672½	Norsk Hydro	2883½	- 50	2.3	15.9
138½	87½	Oil Search	98½	+ 2		
58½	39½	Perez	40½	- 1½		
54½	37	Premier	45	+ 1½	1.7	9.5
58	34½	Pinecrest Rs	35			
449	331	Ranger	408½	- ½	4.8	7.2
3616½	3031½	Royal Dtch Fl	3275	+ 93½	2.9	24.6

OTHER FINANCIAL

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
5143½	2971½	Schlumberger	4216½	+ 159½	1.1	...
499½	385	Shell	418	+ 6	3.4	23.5
370½	203	SOCO Intl	206½	- ½		22.2
8187½	5843½	Total	7512½	- 25	1.8	
332½	187½	XCL	195			
134	87½	Aberdeen Asset	121	+ ½	4.1	45.7
775	457	AMVESCAP	692	+ 1	1.0	31.7
255	120½	BWD	255	+ 1½	4.4	15.1
55½	42½	Berry Birch Nott	44½		5.6	..
294	240	Beneigh Inv	270	+ 4		
443	245½	Brewin Dolphin	435		2.7	31.2
975	725	Caledonia†	917½	+ 10	2.8	27.2
4500	2800	Camellia	4500		1.0	10.3
651½	398½	Cattles	651½	...	1.9	32.6
57½	37½	Chrchert	55		3.4	..
933	526½	Close Bros	814		2.0	23.7
612	433	EFM	564		5.5	13.5
32½	20	Exco#	33		4.1	
42½	19½	Fishers Intl	38		2.1	21.3
219½	197	Friends Ivory Smc	200		4.6	17.8
466½	332	Gerrard	400	- 1	5.3	11.9
194	154½	Hambros	179	+ 2	1.7	65.0
272½	148½	Hitachi Credt	252½		2.7	20.7
210	145	Investment Co	210		5.7	..
177½	102½	Jardine Strat	114½	- 1½	7.8	8.6
164½	111½	Johnson Fry	136		3.7	
640	570	Leopold J	640		4.1	24.1
519½	462½	Liberty Intl	527	+ 3	4.2	23.1
378½	251	Lon Forfaiting	295	+ 5	5.2	9.8
280½	169½	London Pacific	221½	- 1	8.0	7.8
160	110½	Lon Scot Bk	128		3.4	21.8
371½	232½	Man ED & F†	350½		4.2	13.9
1945	1407½	M & G	1697½	+ 32½	3.1	25.3
253	182½	Paragon†	226		1.5	8.9
4537½	2682½	Perpetual	4247½	+ 110	2.0	28.0
1096	765	Provident	997½	+ 28½	2.5	27.7
647½	400	Rathbone Bs	605		2.9	24.3
69½	54½	Rea Brothers	58½		2.1	11.7
65	49½	Rutland Tst	56½	+ ½	3.8	12.8
107½	77	SEC Group	82		7.8	21.1
392	290	S & U	290	- 4	8.2	8.6
2025	1153½	Schroders▼	1715	+ 17	1.1	29.4
1775	1016½	Schroders N/V▼	1460	+ 3	1.3	25.1
795	610	Secure Tst Banking	765		3.8	15.5
185½	136½	Singer & Fried	152½	- ½	4.4	11.1
67½	48½	Sowry Law	57½			
5½	3½	Tea Hldgs	5			
81½	61½	Union	73			
91	46½	Versailles Grp	83½	- ½	0.7	40.7
482½	397½	Wismst	482½	+ 10	4.0	

PHARMACEUTICALS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
150	27	Bat Biotech	32½	- 1½	..	
300	225	Cantab Pharms	229	+ 4		
387½	272½	Celltech	295	+ 5		
356½	230	Chiroscience	251½	- 1		
201	70	Core Group	71			
205	84	Cortecs	87½			
1983	1650	Glaxo Well	1858	- 12	2.1	40.4
240	182½	Goldshield	215		0.7	19.1
135	75	ML Laboratories	85½	- ½		
185	140	Medeva	179	+ 6	3.1	8.4
260	165	Oxford Molecular	174	- 2		
310	219	Peptide Thera	219	- 1		
114½	47½	Phytopharm	98½	+ 2		
513½	194½	Powderject	407½			
89½	37	Proteus Intl	38½			
72	52	Ransom (Wm)	52	- 3½	6.7	...
181½	124½	Oxidant Health	133½			
394½	260	Scotia	307½	+ 2½		
462½	285½	Shire Pharms	462½	+ 28		
103½	47½	SkyePharma	74½			
888	618	SmithKline†	772½	- 3	1.5	37.4
223	123	Therp Anti Inc	127½	- 1		
652½	265	Vanguard	267½	- 15		
182	15	Vanguard Wts	20	- 4		
245	100	Xenova	100			
2850	2114	Zeneca	2504	- 8	1.9	32.5

PRINTING & PAPER

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
132	82	AG Holdings	132		5.9	19.5
845	520	API	560	- 5	2.8	15.2
132	68½	App Holo	104½			48.3
244	145½	Arjo Wiggins	201½		4.0	10.8
468½	421½	Bemrose	421½	- 2	4.8	11.1
193½	144½	Blagden	180		2.2	10.4
3571½	2578½	Bowater Inc	2975	- 65½		
313½	233½	Bowrore Intl	256½		1.8	15.9
527	408	Br Polythene	408		6.2	9.9
348½	219½	Bunzl	303	+ 2	2.2	17.3
168½	118½	Capital Inds	150		5.1	15.4
361½	200½	Cropper (James)	205½		3.1	11.3
330	260	De La Rue†	269½	+ 9	5.1	10.4
274½	252½	Delphin Pack	256½	- 1	4.0	12.1
105	70	Ferguson Intl	74	- 2½	7.6	
197½	145½	Flnba	154½	- ½	3.3	18.1
90	47½	Inveresk	50½		14.9	27.3
229½	179	Jarvis Portert	179	- 1	5.4	9.6
21	17½	LIBERfabrica	17½		4.4	6.8
420	284	Low & Bonar	336½	- 4½	5.1	10.9
25½	9½	Lowe (Robert)	9½	- ½	5.8	3.6
92½	65½	MY Holdings	89		3.9	11.9
177½	126½	Macfarlane	128½	- 1½	4.4	11.0
347½	213½	Photobition	283½		0.6	47.0
187½	140½	Plysut	179		5.9	12.3
34	25	Porter Chadbn	28		4.1	8.2
320½	229	REXAM†	288	+ 2½	5.6	10.9
193½	157½	RPC†	183½	- 1	3.2	
547½	485	St Ives Gp	512½	+ 2½	2.9	15.3
410	217	Sappi	279½	- 5	2.5	
68½	20	Security & General	22½			
122½	92½	Sidlaw	105	+ ½	3.0	12.1
253½	165½	Smith David	214½	- ½	4.7	13.3
240	156	Smurfit (Jeff)	174	+ ½	2.6	
168	105	Sonsect	110		3.6	10.8
215½	133½	Tiesley Robsn	213½		2.0	18.1
43½	16	Wace	33½			
307½	247½	Waddingtont	289		5.0	11.8
330½	223	Wyndeham†	287½	...	2.7	15.1

PROPERTY

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
116½	80½	Allied Lon	91		5.6	6.6
185	155½	Asda	168½		2.2	22.3
36½	28½	Ashquay Grpt	30½		0.8	51.1
180½	135½	Ashtone Hldgs	165	- ½	3.8	25.5
278½	242½	Beachmark	242½	- 2½	0.9	23.5
288½	243½	Bilton	243½	- 8	5.6	17.8
177½	149	Bisby	172½	- 1	6.8	..
5½	3	Bolton Gp	3½			
84	50½	Boume End	51		2.9	69.5
322½	232½	Bradford†	235		4.8	15.8
825	593	Br Landt	608	+ 8	1.9	33.4
255	213	Brixton	216½	- 1	5.4	17.6
132	100	Burford	108		2.7	36.8
149	132	CLS Hldgs	138		5.2	15.6
318½	249½	Cap & Regnl	257½		1.7	25.1
460	394½	Cap Shop Ctrs	403	+ ½	2.9	26.3
355½	263½	Cardiff Propt	353½		1.1	49.9
19	9½	Carlisle	14			57.8
13½	6½	Catney Intl	8			
418½	313½	Chelsfield	318	+ ½	1.3	37.5
687½	590	Chesterfield†	595		2.8	31.6
37	18	Chesterton Intl	23½	+ ½		
166½	139½	City North	140		2.0	40.9
53½	30½	City Site Ests	31			
107	80	Cleveland Tst	91½		8.5	17.0
99½	82½	CNC Props	87½		4.7	9.1
264½	185½	Compco	263½		2.2	
1710	1605	Daejan	1702½		3.1	..
21	10½	Dares Estates	10½			
126½	95½	Debenhm Tsen	106		4.2	
163½	69½	Delancey Estst	116½	+ 3	1.7	..
232½	192½	Dencora	231½		3.6	14.3
598	552½	Derwent Hldgs	555		1.5	38.4
355	283½	Development Sec	303½		1.2	6.9
260½	172½	Edge Properties	210			22.4
430	410	Estates Agency	425		5.4	19.3
91½	75½	Estates Gen	80		1.2	20.6
176½	139½	Evans Of Leeds†	142½		3.3	19.3
45½	38½	Fletcher King	45½		7.4	..
71½	61½	Folkes Group	70½		3.7	6.9
71½	57½	Folkes Group nv	69		3.8	6.7
540	451	Frogmore	451	- 7½	5.6	11.8
19	14½	Golden Land Inv	17			
370	315	Grainger†	317½		3.0	15.2
295	230½	Gt Portland†	242	+ 1½	4.6	24.3
200½	153½	Grantchester	153½	- 1	1.1	44.8
252½	214½	Greycoat	216½	- ½	0.9	34.8
152	104½	Hambro Colyo	118½		3.2	7.7
537½	452	Hammerson	461		3.2	27.1
33½	22	Hampton Trust	25			
692½	555	Helical Bart	665	+ 2½	1.7	...
50	44½	Hemingway	45½		1.7	18.9
130½	69½	HK Land	77½	- ½	9.4	8.1
352	200	Jermyn	351	+ 1	2.1	
183½	94	LSH	164½		3.4	10.6
173½	84½	Lands Imp	105	- ½	5.7	
1190	822½	Land Sec	911	- 9	3.8	24.6
39½	31	Lon & Assoct	32½	+ ½	3.5	13.8
141½	118½	Lon Merch Sect	128		5.2	17.2
650	509½	MEPC†	518	- 7½	3.6	20.8
119½	99½	MWB Group	104½		4.5	
152	132	McKay Secs	140		3.9	19.8
97½	85½	Marwale Mre	95		3.0	8.6
368	270	Milner Est	298	- 2	2.9	14.3
245½	202½	Minerva	245½	+ ½	0.8	
36½	25	Moorfield Est	33		2.1	37.2
1900	1681½	Mountview†	1750		3.4	
169	148	Mucklow (A&J)	154		5.8	17.2
49	31	OEM	38			75.1
74½	52½	OPB	58½			25.9
41½	31½	Olives Prop	39		1.9	24.3
727½	635	Peel	705	- 2½	1.5	
353	277	Pillar Propt	324½	+ 6	2.2	60.8
13½	7	Probus Estates	7½			
204½	160½	Quintaint	161½	+ 1	3.1	24.1
29½	24	Raglant	24½		6.8	10.9
38	24½	Regalians	25½	- ½	5.2	11.8
202½	157½	Rugby Est	168½		1.9	15.3
81½	67½	St Modwen Prp	73½	- ½	5.1	9.0
73	59	Savills Grdn	64	+ ½	6.9	24.3
149	111½	Savills	115		4.3	
113	92	Scot Met	98		4.0	17.2
246	217	Slatlesbury	218	- ½	1.3	51.0
414½	324½	Slough Estates	329		3.2	22.1
287½	242½	Smart (J)	260	- 2½	4.8	9.7
130½	93	TBH	117½	- 3½	1.9	...
203½	178½	Tops Ests	188½		1.6	
118	94½	Town Centre	95		5.1	11.9
208½	149½	Trafford Park	188		2.7	20.5
103½	82½	UK Land	86		4.8	
278½	251½	Warner	261½		6.3	17.1
263	255	Warnford	263		3.8	16.0
116½	86½	Wates▲	87	- 1½		40.1
453½	345½	Workspace Grpt	432½	...	4.9	15.7

RETAILERS, FOOD

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
227½	173	ASDA Group	206	- ½	2.2	19.8
81	56	Budgens	78½		2.6	
80½	55½	Dairy Farm Intl	70½	+ ½	5.2	12.8
212½	157	Fereult	186½	+ 4	4.0	..
43½	35½	Flowllon	41½		5.9	...
184	85	Fyffest	146½		1.8	17.1
2637½	1985	Greggs	2537½		1.8	21.0
261	118	Iceland Group	220½	+ 1½	3.1	14.9
301½	227½	Morrison (W)	287½	+ 3	0.9	23.0
69	38	Park Foods	57½		6.7	...
407½	330	Safeway†	384½	- 5	4.5	16.2
589½	370	Sainsbury Jt	549	+ 4	3.2	22.8
444	207½	Somerfield	444	+ 8	3.3	38.2
327½	194½	T & S Stores	314		3.4	16.8
208	161½	Tesco▼	195½	+ 1	2.5	22.7
293½	256½	Thorntons	261½		2.9	20.7
625	505	Watson& Philipt	541	+ 1	4.4	14.6

RETAILERS, GENERAL

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
303½	206	Alexon	214	+ ½	...	8.6
266	190½	Allders†	191½	...	5.5	9.4
180	70½	Allied Carpets#	74½	...	13.0	5.8
508	381½	Arcadia Groupt	392	- 3	3.4	14.0
683	390	Argos	533	...	3.6	18.4
41½	19½	Ashley (Laura)	28	- ½		
216½	164½	Austin Reed	172	- 4	5.5	10.1
172½	147½	Beale	160½		3.9	10.3
193½	157	Bentoe (J)	168½	+ 3½	7.2	11.0
155½	111½	Bentalls	111½	- ½	4.3	5.6
498½	283½	Blacks Leis	302½	+ 5	2.3	10.7
146	109	Body Shop	143	+ 1	4.9	12.0
[illegible]	[illegible]	Boots	[illegible]		2.7	24.5
82	50½	Brown & Jackson	82			23.1
460	317½	Brown (NI)†	368	+ 5½	2.5	19.1
505	255	Carpetright	278½	+ 2½	10.4	10.2
400	227	Christies Int	395		1.7	30.7
432½	365	Church	385	- 2½	5.8	10.2
147½	95½	Clinton Cards	135		2.8	14.1
272½	177½	County Sdrc	196½	+ 6½	1.2	14.3
432½	332½	Courts Furnsn	367½	+ 2½	1.4	13.6
587½	192½	DFS Furnure	195½		8.4	7.9
433	301½	Debenhams	351	+ 1½	1.4	15.2
628	459	Dixons Gp	560½	+ 12½	2.9	15.3
97½	45½	Etcc Boutique	83½			26.1
6	3	ERA Gp	4½	- ½		
70½	36½	Essex Furn	37½		12.8	8.6
209	145	Falkland Isls	160		...	17.4
218½	162½	Fine Art Dev	185½	+ 1	6.7	14.4
356½	203½	Fired Earth	341		1.3	21.1
592½	287½	Flying Flw Ute	306	- 6	3.0	15.3
137½	95½	Formminster	106½		4.0	9.0
465	347½	French Conn	360	+ 2½	1.1	12.7
45½	34½	Gieves	39½		3.6	24.6
333½	217½	Goldsmiths Gp	262½		3.8	12.8
147	112½	Grampian Hdgt	113	- 1½	8.0	10.9
918	700	GUS	760½	- ½	3.3	17.2
297½	205½	Hamleys	210½		6.5	9.5
116½	75	Hampden Grp	80½	- 2	4.5	7.8
343½	201½	Harveys Furn	201½		5.8	
221½	144½	Hse of Fraser	163½	- ½	4.2	18.1
171½	117½	Hagnes (LJ)	165	- 1½	2.6	16.0
833½	426	JJB Sports	426	- 17½	2.0	16.6
600½	354½	Kingfisher	490½	+ 15½	2.9	17.8
355	190	Liberty	205	- 5	0.5	..
54½	25½	Limelight	47			
141	56	MFI	65	+ ½	9.9	9.3
654	489	Marks Spencert	544	- 3	3.3	18.6
57	35½	Merchant Retailt	45½		1.4	19.1
291½	216½	Moss Bros	233½		3.2	15.0
189	143½	New Look	155½	+ 2½	4.0	12.6
860	474	Next	504	+ 11	4.5	13.3
31	22½	Oliver (G)▲	24½			
512½	370	Ortlane Intl	375	- 38	5.9	12.0
85	28½	Partners	30	- 1½	6.5	
95½	79½	Partridge Fine	94½		7.0	7.3
29½	25½	QS Hldgs	27½			
320	213½	Rocalbs	213½		6.9	8.9
140½	85½	Saw Group	103½	- 1½	8.6	11.2
66½	46½	Searst	54	+ ½	7.3	15.2
52½	29	Signet Group	45½	+ 1½		9.9
587½	389½	Smith WH	549½	+ 1½	3.6	
1420	1050	Sothebys	1402½		1.7	
294	216	Storehouse†	280	+ 2½	4.0	13.1
92	54½	Styla	57½	- ½	11.0	
249	140½	Thorn	244		1.9	15.3
127½	51½	Tie Rack†	53		4.7	8.3
3½	2½	Upton & Souta	2½			24.2
355½	244½	Wickes	245	- 1½	1.0	40.6
373½	280½	Wyevale	288	- 3½	3.0	18.5

SUPPORT SERVICES

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1001	535	AEA Tech†	977½	- 22½	1.2	...
358	210	Abacus Recruit	267½	- 5	0.7	18.4
205½	115	Azorn	119½			
226½	152½	Aggreko	302		2.3	27.1
122	68	Alpha Airpts	94½	+ ½	7.1	9.6
53	32½	Alphameric	44½	+ ½		
79	47	Ande Gp	71	- ½	0.4	65.9
594½	362½	Atkins WSt	545	+ 1	1.9	
214½	153½	BNB Res	155		6.1	9.3
790	507½	BPP	762½		2.6	26.9
908	637½	BTG†	875		0.1	...
169½	105	Brandon Hire	138½		2.9	16.9
48½	17½	Br Thornton	37½	+ ½		
132½	79½	Brooks Service	114½		4.4	12.3
957½	568½	Business Post	905	+ 2½	2.0	35.3
2070	758½	CMG	2070	+ 15	0.2	...
972½	812½	Caird Gp	892½		1.7	11.2
58½	44½	Caldedum	45½		3.3	10.5
551½	311½	Capita Group	532½		0.5	...
12½	6½	Chemex	9½		2.7	15.1
822½	730	Compassnecer	740	+ 1½	0.3	37.3
352	212½	Corp Services▼	225	+ 3½	3.3	16.5
37½	21½	Coutts Cons	30		0.4	..
649	317½	DCS Gp	521	- 16½	0.5	34.9
352½	166	Danka Bs Syst	158½	- 11	2.3	17.7
458½	302	Davis Service	400		3.5	21.9
830	555	Delphi	557½		1.5	19.5
1350	682½	Diagonal	1300		0.2	..
27½	19	Eurocopy	24½	+ ½	10.2	4.9
100½	51½	EW Fact	94½		2.6	17.4
102½	51	El Data Prct	91½	+ 1	3.0	16.0
1850	627½	FI Group	1920		0.5	..
578	409	Guardian IT	557½	+ 1		
147	125½	HW Group	125½	- 2	2.2	8.7
455	337	Harvey Nich	411½	- 2½	1.4	30.9
1155	773	Hays	980	- 9	1.2	34.0
58	51½	High-PointRnt	52½			
325½	225½	Hogg Robinsont	277½	+ 3½	5.0	18.5
1257½	515	JBA Hldgs	605	+ 2½	1.1	58.7
330	232½	Johnson Srvce	298½		5.3	11.4
69½	39½	Kalamazoo	47½	+ 8		
982½	570	Kewill Syst	982½	+ 7½	1.4	27.5
24½	13½	Laser-Scan	17½			
551	317½	Lavendon	500		1.0	32.5
2070	1147½	Logica	1992½		0.6	57.2
806½	505	Lonen	601½	- 111	1.6	29.0
247	120½	Lynx Groupt	246½		1.0	31.4
36½	42½	MDIS	89			
1422½	772½	MMT Comp	1190	- 5	1.3	31.3
164½	109½	MR Group	153½		3.2	20.3
555	320	Macro 4	465		6.9	13.4
342½	142½	Marlborough Int	308½	- 1½	...	55.9
94½	52½	Mentmore Abbeyt	91½	+ ½	1.4	..
721	420	Micro Focus	480		...	30.2
137½	55	Microgen	117½		5.3	...
3723	1825	Misys	3493	+ 11	0.5	58.4
336	230½	MITIE Gp	316½		0.9	34.7
53½	51½	Nova Group	53½		3.7	12.1
65	41½	Orbist	59	- ½	3.4	13.4
780	480	PSD	492½		2.1	19.0
862½	635	Pathy	832½		0.8	39.3
395	240	Pegasus	375		2.5	12.9
280	145	Perisa	277½	+ 1½	1.1	11.1
376½	151	Photo-Me	372½	+ 38½	1.8	35.9
54½	35	Proudfoot	47		1.3	11.3
247½	160	RCO†	195		9.6	35.4
345	218½	RPS Group	342½		1.8	28.2
53	25½	Radius	42		3.3	14.3
600	317½	Real Time	495	- 10	1.9	
151½	79	Rebust	139	+ ½	1.9	24.9
193	119½	Reed Executive	160		2.3	8.6
193	162	Reliance Sec	191½	+ 1½	4.5	15.9
473	265	Rentokil Ini	439	+ 4½	0.9	43.5
231½	152½	Ricardo Group	227½	- 1	3.6	28.6
576	375	Robert Walters	386½	- 6	1.3	17.8
510	260	Rolfe & Nolan	330			55.3
382½	297½	Royalblue	345	+ 5	0.8	45.5
1805	825	Sage Gp	1715	+ 12½	0.2	67.7
160	74	Sanderson	145½	- ½	4.5	13.3
1032	551	Select App	1031	+ 3½	0.4	44.2
849	368½	Sema Gp▼	753	- 7	0.3	77.0
1440	860	Serco Gp	1395		0.6	58.4
199½	154½	Shanks & McEwan†	183½	- 2	2.9	20.6
1055	520	Shered Intl	1040	+ 115	0.6	43.8
74	44	Simon Grp	58½		1.4	15.5
61	28	Skiltebley	28½	- 1½		
320½	181½	Skillsgroup	268½	- 3½	2.1	24.5
493	335	Spring Gp	405	- 2½	1.3	56.3
130	103	Stat-Plus	126	+ 1	11.2	12.5
275	92	Superscape VR	213½	+ 15½		
144½	85	Torex	141		2.0	23.6
3850	2250	Tyco Intl	3850	+ 100	0.2	
148½	86½	WSP Group	142½	+ 1	2.5	19.8
225	170	Warner Howrd	170		8.8	7.6
332½	176	Waste Mgt Intl	329			77.7
489½	332½	Waste Recyg	465½	+ 1½	0.7	42.9
278½	199	Whitehead Mann	258½		3.7	..
97½	62½	White Young Grn	90		4.9	13.9
500	304	Williams	370	- 7½	4.3	19.0

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
858	411½	BT	817	+ 14	2.9	23.7
3262½	614½	COLT Telecom	3262½	+ 252½		
845	467½	Cable Wireless	842	+ 32	1.5	38.1
696	264½	Cable&Wire Comc	691	+ 38½		
1132½	252½	Energis	1016½	+ 1½		
397½	250	Euro Telecom	367½		1.0	
308	77½	General Cable	307½	+ 1½		
137½	23	Ionica Group	37½	+ 1	...	
742	239½	Orange	658	- 7		
563	288½	Securicor	533	+ 3	0.4	51.3
209½	69½	TeleWest▼	198½	+ 1		
874½	298	Vodafone†	868½	+ 28½	0.8	88.5

TRANSPORT

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
440	210	Air London	390		2.2	21.9
357	193½	All Nippon Airt	202½	+ 3½		
518	330½	Arriva	387	+ 23	4.4	11.0
388	282½	Assoc Br Ports	324½	+ 6	3.5	15.9
372	284½	Autologic	328	- 5½	3.9	14.6
293½	165½	Avis Europe	288	+ 2	1.3	28.8
731½	402½	BAA†	675	+ 7	2.5	18.6
721	498	Br Airwayst	679	- 12	3.1	19.7
140½	90½	Clarkson (H)	97½		5.1	11.1
192½	135½	Clydeport Ops	189½		3.6	
485½	317½	Dart†	437½	+ ½	2.1	19.8
82½	43½	Eurotunnel Uts	71½	+ ½	..	
481	221½	FirstGroup†	481	+ 13½	1.7	27.7
140	118	Fisher (James)	113		3.5	8.6
692	580	Forth Ports	620	- 7½	2.9	15.1
92½	60	Frontline	70			
801	510	Go-Ahead	799	- 1½	1.4	19.1
601½	470	Goode Durrant	470	- 2½	3.2	13.1
498	305½	Hays	484	- 1	0.3	43.8
1135	740	Irish Cont†	1000		0.6	21.4
96½	74½	Jacobs	82		3.4	35.6
642½	490	Mersey Docks	559		3.2	21.5
209	138½	NFC†	162½	+ 1	4.1	16.8
1120	676	Natl Express	1109½	- 7	1.5	25.0
817½	582½	Ocean Group	747½	+ 1	2.4	23.0
121½	92½	Ocean Wilson	105	- 3	5.2	6.7
990	650	P & O Dfd	963	+ 8	3.9	22.2
116½	107½	P & O 5.5%	108	- 1	6.4	..
515	344	Prism Rail	435		5.6	8.7
1586	571½	Railtrack†	1565	+ 19	1.9	25.3
130	98	Salvesen (C)†	124½	+ 1½	7.3	13.4
49	38	Seacon	43½	+ ½	3.6	33.0
286½	240	Seacsope Shp	244		6.4	5.9
311½	180	Servisair	231	- 2½	2.9	18.6
1477½	765	Stagecoach	1380	- 10	0.9	31.4
628	547½	Tibbet & Britn	575	- 7½	3.8	15.0
330½	251	TDG	262½	- 1	8.0	17.1
116½	78½	Ugland	93		6.7	7.8
72½	39½	Utd Carriers	39½		11.1	10.4

WATER

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
967	798	Anglian†	900	+ 11	5.4	10.2
335	285	East Surrey†	290		5.2	...
1053½	907	Hyder†	1008½	+ 11	5.3	10.4
128½	115½	Hyder Cn Prf†	120½	- ½	8.2	...
775	660	Mid Kent Hdgst	707½		5.8	9.1
1088	885	Severn Trent†	1072	+ 2	4.0	11.9
3675	3265	South Staffs	3592½		3.7	13.7
1066	864½	South West	1081½	+ 4	4.8	13.3
1160	800	Thames†	1160	+ 27	4.1	13.0
974	858	Utd Utilitiest	938	- 9	4.7	11.4
550	452	Wessex	498½	+ 6½	5.2	9.8
550	436½	Yorkshire†	493½	- 4	5.2	18.1

ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
235	193	Cale Inst▼	195	...	2.1	12.7
29	14½	Chorort	20½	...	...	...
39½	28	Freepage	38½			
65½	45½	Megalomediat	45½	..	0.7	...
38	21½	Memory Corp	39½	...	...	...
847½	620	Ransco Eqy	692½			
847	740	Southern News	825	- 10	3.2	16.2
94½	82½	Southern Vectis	84½	+ 2	3.1	13.1

Source: FT Information

Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; ▲ Ex rights issue; ▼ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; * Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data. Companies in bold are constituents of the FTSE 100 index.

BRITISH FUNDS

1998 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
100½	100	Treas 7¼% 1998	100	...	7.25	7.65
105	101	Treas 15½% 1998	101	- ½	15.27	7.53
104	101	Exch 12% 1998	101	- ½	11.83	7.47
102	100	Treas 9½% 1999	100	- ½	9.41	7.48
109	103	Exch 12¼% 1999	103	- ½	11.88	7.49
104	102	Treas 10½% 1999	102	- ½	10.25	7.43
99	98	Treas 6% 1999	98	- ½	6.07	7.25
105	103	Conv 10¼% 1999	103	- ½	9.87	7.15
105	102	Conv 9% 2000	102	- ½	8.75	7.12
104	102	Treas 8% 2000	102	- ½	7.81	6.85
103	101	Treas 8½% 2000	102	- ½	8.33	7.12
114	110	Treas 13% 2000	110	- ½	11.72	7.03
108	107	Treas 10% 2001	107	- ½	9.31	6.83
102	100	Treas 7% 2001	101	- ½	6.93	6.62
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
103	101	Treas 7% 2002	101	- ½	6.87	6.46
113	111	Treas 9¾% 2002	111	- ½	8.74	6.51
109	105	Treas 8% 2003	107	- ½	7.47	6.29
118	115	Treas 10% 2003	118	- ½	8.82	6.29
114	110	Treas 11½% 2001-04	111	- ½	10.35	6.85
93	90	Fund 3½% 1999-04	92	- ½	3.80	5.03
119	116	Conv 9½% 2004	117	- ½	8.12	6.17
105	101	Treas 6¾% 2004	103	- ½	6.52	5.97
116	113	Treas 8½% 2005	114	- ½	7.44	6.06
120	117	Conv 9½% 2005	118	- ½	8.03	6.13
130	127	Treas 12½% 2003-05	127	- ½	9.77	6.25
111	107	Treas 7¾% 2006	111	- ½	6.83	5.98
112	108	Treas 7¾% 2006	111	- ½	6.98	6.01
107	104	Treas 8% 2002-06	105	- ½	7.59	5.40
123	120	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	121	- ½	9.71	6.31
119	115	Treas 8½% 2007	117	- ½	7.24	5.86
111	105	Treas 7¼% 2007	109	- ½	6.60	5.87
120	121	Treas 9% 2008	123	- ½	7.27	5.86
139	113	Treas 8% 2009	117	- ½	6.79	5.79
106	99	Treas 6¼% 2010	104	- ½	5.99	5.75
131½	124	Conv 9% 2011	126	- ½	6.98	5.81
133	125	Treas 9% 2012	130	- ½	6.91	5.81
101	93	Treas 5½% 2008-12	99	- ½	5.55	5.60
120	112	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	117	- ½	6.57	5.83
LONGS (over 15 years)						
124	116	Treas 8% 2013	122	- ½	6.55	5.78
128	118	Treas 8% 2015	125	- ½	6.40	5.70
138	127	Treas 8¾% 2017	135	- ½	6.48	5.70
133½	121	Tr 8% 2021	130	- ½	6.15	5.63
UNDATED						
63	55	War Ln 3½%	61	- ½	5.71	
44	38½	Treas 2½%	42	- ½	5.86	
66	61	Consols 4%	67	- ½	5.86	...
INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:					5%	3%
199	194	Treas IL 2½% 2001	199	- ½	2.82	3.28
198	192	Treas IL 2½% 2003	197	- ½	2.78	3.08
128	124	Treas IL 4¼% 2004	127	- ½	2.71	2.96
217	208	Treas IL 2% 2006	216	- ½	2.62	2.81
198	187	Treas IL 2½% 2009	198	- ½	2.59	2.74
210	195	Treas IL 2½% 2011	209	- ½	2.57	2.70
176	162	Treas IL 2½% 2013	175	- ½	2.54	2.65
193	175	Treas IL 2½% 2016	192	- ½	2.52	2.62
190	170	Treas IL 2½% 2020	189	- ½	2.51	2.59
163	142	Treas IL 2½% 2024	162	- ½	2.47	2.55
161	140	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	160	- ½	2.44	2.51

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AIB GOVETT UNIT TRUST LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 497 7888				
Protected Funds				
UK Safeguard	141.96	151.29	+0.61	..
-do- NAV to Jan 19	137.71	137.71		
UK Equity Safeguard	112.74	120.57†	+0.46	2.02
-do- NAV to Jun 19	108.95	108.95	..	..
US Eqy Safeguard	96.78	102.86		
Cash	953.38	963.17		5.75
UK Growth Funds				
UK Equity Gen	443.20	469.80	+7.50	1.43
UK Small Cos	95.86	102.30	-0.31	0.60
FTSE 250 Index	116.63	124.73	+0.78	1.89
Geared UK Index	2837.83	2995.94	+93.00	5.75
Income Funds				
Corp Bd	85.83	89.26	+0.36	6.08
Monthly Inc	46.17	49.30†	+0.41	7.98
International Funds				
American Gen	359.70	381.40	+6.30	
American Strat	239.87	256.53	-0.45	
JG US Index	2768.32	2916.87	+23.00	4.25
European Gen	471.00	497.80	+8.20	0.08
European Strat	196.45	210.09	+1.16	
Japan Gen	100.40	108.40	+2.40	
Asia Pacific	54.77	58.35	+0.91	1.09
Pacific Strat	83.64	89.45	+1.34	
Greater China	138.05	147.63	-0.65	
Latin America	93.44	99.85	+1.49	
Intl Growth	197.61	211.07	-2.31	8.11
Balanced Exempt	182.50	189.10		P70
Global Strategy	48.63	52.00		
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
01203 553 231				
General Acc	981.90	1043.00	+12.00	2.03
General Inc	796.40	846.50	+9.60	2.03
UK Growth Acc	675.20	718.20	-9.00	1.97
UK Growth Inc	424.10	451.10	+5.60	1.97
Higher Inc Acc #	1298.00	1380.00	+16.00	4.03
Higher Inc Inc #	656.40	698.20	+7.90	4.03
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	242.70	256.30	-1.50	5.70
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	98.63	104.19	-0.60	5.78
Nth America	513.20	545.90	+4.60	
Europe	630.90	671.10	+3.70	0.42
Brit Expl	134.60	142.10	+1.90	2.02
Brit Fndmtls Acc	173.00	184.00	+1.00	4.11
Brit Fndmtls Inc	109.40	116.38	+0.60	4.11
Global Opps	139.90	148.80	+1.50	0.21
Balanced Acc	83.70	89.04	+0.70	2.07
Balanced Inc	75.95	80.79	+0.63	2.07
Japan Acc	32.37	34.43	+0.48	
Pac Basin Acc	241.10	256.40	+5.20	3.74
AXA SUN LIFE FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0117 989 8000				
Discretionary	70.01	74.48		
UK Income Inc	87.19	92.66		3.16
Extra Inc Inc #	41.61	43.93		5.66
High Yld Inc	129.80	137.00		2.94
Inc & Gth Inc	120.30	127.70		2.30
UK Smaller Cos	49.17	52.31		1.72
Pacific Gth Port	28.70	30.53		0.95
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
Gilts & Fixed Int	147.80	156.60†	-0.50	5.66
High Inc Equity	257.50	275.40†	+4.80	3.76
Worldwide Bond	278.40	295.20†	-0.90	3.56
American Growth	628.90	671.10†	+5.10	0.39
Asian Pacific	169.00	180.70	+3.10	0.69
Assets & Earnings	407.30	435.60†	+6.10	2.34
Euro Capital Acc	334.50	358.20	+3.50	0.21
Extra Inc	43.46	46.23†	+0.26	9.04
General	367.70	391.20†	+6.00	2.47
Global Opps	86.24	91.74	+1.07	0.35
Japan	78.26	83.70	+0.91	
Managed Inc	57.59	61.27†	+0.45	4.16
Mastertrust	209.90	224.50	-2.30	1.07
US Emerging Cos	258.90	278.90	-0.50	
Ethical	106.00	112.80†	+1.10	1.60
International	165.10	176.60	+1.80	0.58
Dividend & Growth	95.03	101.10†	+1.60	3.05
Global Gwth & Sec	81.47	86.69	+0.19	2.00
Latin America	67.53	72.22	-0.38	0.93
Capital Reserve	156.50	156.60	-0.20	4.46
ABBEY NATIONAL UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0141 275 8500				
N&P UK Growth	132.10	140.50	+1.90	1.40
Equity Income #	185.30	197.10	-2.50	3.26
Extra Income #	342.50	363.50	+2.70	4.28
Smaller Cos	107.80	114.60†	-0.10	1.82
International	156.30	166.20†	+1.10	0.85
ABERDEEN PROLIFIC UT MGRS LTD				
Enq: 0345 666 666 Dlg: 0800 833 580				
Amer Opp Acc	415.61	436.23	+2.62	
Emrg Mkts Inc	53.52	56.84†	+0.77	0.34
Ethical Inc	97.51	103.18†	+0.38	0.63
Euro Gwth Acc	157.69	166.42	+0.94	..
Euro Spec Opps Acc	164.29	172.50	+0.60	
Extra Inc Inc	242.65	257.10†	+2.54	3.76
Extra Inc Acc	336.96	356.58	+3.53	3.75
FE Emg Econ	63.20	66.89†	-0.70	0.78
Fixed Int Inc #	30.70	32.22	-0.03	7.56
Frontier Mk Inc	77.47	81.97	+0.68	
Fund Of Inv Inc #	224.37	237.42†	+1.48	8.18
Fund Of Inv Acc	489.93	518.43	+3.22	8.18
Gilt Inc Inc #	50.59	52.73†	-0.24	6.60
Global Bond Inc	41.29	43.08	-0.01	4.77
Global Inc Inc	36.30	38.20†	+0.08	3.17
Global Inc Acc	55.79	58.71	+0.12	3.17
High Inc Inc	181.62	192.26	+2.27	3.70
High Inc Acc	244.95	259.22	+3.06	3.70
Japan Inc	145.08	152.86	+1.77	
Latin Amer Inc	82.92	88.59	+1.14	0.75
Master Inc Inc	69.41	73.44†	+0.73	2.04
Master Gwth Inc	65.01	68.79	+0.53	0.33
North Amer Inc	293.02	312.97†	+2.51	0.01
North Amer Acc	298.38	313.35	+2.52	0.01
Pacific Inc	49.93	52.83	+0.60	0.56
Prop Share Inc	95.45	101.02†	-2.46	1.07
Special Sit Inc	193.06	204.31†	+0.40	0.90
Special Sit Acc	219.96	232.77	+0.46	0.90
Tech Inc	850.47	899.91†	-8.15	
Tech Acc	950.47	999.91	-9.15	
UK Blue Chip Inc	132.90	140.28	+2.38	2.27
UK Blue Chip Acc	159.99	168.84	+2.86	2.27
UK Emg Co Inc	92.91	98.47†	-0.02	0.72
UK Gwth Inc	81.72	86.49	+1.04	0.98
World Port Inc #	104.67	110.38†	+1.19	1.63
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	2763.00	2882.00		
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0171 258 5868				
Resid Property #	109.10	116.00	-0.20	5.50
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	117.70	124.88	+1.47	1.71
Income Builder Inc	112.46	119.66	+0.60	2.72
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
Colrctd Ost Pens	156.80	162.90	..	
Foundtn Pool Pens	89.79	93.28	..	
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
American Sm Cos	496.20	526.90	+0.20	
Bond	124.50	130.90†	-0.20	6.31
Brit Smlr Cos	119.60	127.20	-0.10	1.81
Europe	502.60	532.70	+5.20	
Euro Smlr Cos	154.80	164.70	+0.40	0.20
High Income #	77.70	82.66	-0.51	4.86
Income	469.00	498.90†	+1.90	3.38
Japan	274.00	289.70	+4.10	
Latin American	100.00	106.40†	+1.80	
Pacific	58.63	62.37	+0.55	1.18
UK Smlr Cos	70.02	74.49		0.90
Japanese Sm Cos	454.50	486.70	+6.10	
Mngd Fd	281.20	298.10	+3.30	1.88
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	485.20	512.80		0.88
Capital Gwth	190.00	201.00		2.09
Wwide Opps	272.60	288.20		0.76
BARCLAYS FUNDS LTD				
Customer Help Desk 0181 522 4000				
Income Funds				
Cash	100.30	100.30†		6.85
Cash Acc	135.40	135.40		6.85
Income #	819.00	873.60	+13.30	3.39
Income Builder #	93.65	99.73	+1.39	3.94
Balanced Funds				
Exempt	127.00	135.10	-2.30	0.98
500	808.10	853.80	+5.70	1.35
General	481.00	514.10	+8.10	1.03
Property	279.60	300.00†		5.86
Trustee	335.00	357.80†	+5.70	1.17
Growth Funds - UK				
Capital	215.30	229.80†	+4.00	1.10
FTSE 100	157.10	166.70	-3.30	1.31
Smaller Cos	68.25	72.79	-0.05	1.67
Smaller Cos Acc	82.19	87.67	-0.06	1.67
Growth Funds - Overseas				
America	287.50	303.50	+2.40	
American Growth	193.80	205.10	-1.50	
Japan	90.65	95.71	+1.01	
Japan Acc	91.63	96.81	+1.02	
Japan Spec Sits	41.91	44.35	-0.49	
Worldwide	254.20	269.70†	+2.70	0.53
Barclays Investment Portfolios				
Managed Income	50.45	52.20†	-0.08	6.33
Mged Gwth & Inc #	51.66	54.71	-0.35	5
Managed Growth	55.63	59.16	+0.76	0.60
Barclays Global Investors Funds				
BrokerLine 0800 753 4567				
Income Funds				
Cash Income #	142.70	143.40†	-1.20	4.54
Equity Income #	197.50	210.70	-3.10	3.46
Gilt & Fx Int	64.67	67.11	+0.01	6.68
Int Fxd Inc	100.80	104.10†	-0.10	4.51
Int Fxd Inc Acc	133.10	137.50	-0.10	4.51
Growth Funds - UK				
UK Growth	622.70	662.50	+10.30	1.03
UK Growth Acc	622.70	662.50	+10.30	1.03
Growth & Inc	531.00	571.20	+10.40	1.12
Growth & Inc Acc	1372	1460	+23.00	1.12
Growth Funds - Overseas				
Euro Growth	330.60	350.00	-3.70	0.43
Euro Growth Acc	362.20	383.30	-3.00	0.43
Far Eastern Gwth	89.17	92.93†	-2.16	1.16
Far East Gth Acc	147.60	159.20	-3.70	1.16
Customer Service Centre 0800 626262				
N2 Stk Mkt Gth	104.10	104.80	-1.50	
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	238.10	251.38	-3.20	
Amer Smlr Cos	181.90	192.60	-0.20	
Eastern	125.60	132.90	-1.60	0.30
Equity Income #	139.10	148.20	-1.50	3.60
European Growth	723.40	764.80	-5.60	0.40
Europe Select	566.80	605.70	-1.80	0.50
German Growth	185.10	195.00	-1.50	0.50
Global Bond	75.73	79.69†	-0.04	5.10
Global Growth	233.60	247.90	+2.90	0.10
Japan Growth	116.10	122.90	-1.30	
Japan Sm Cos	81.06	85.81	-1.34	
Korea Trust	33.30	35.35	-0.25	
Portfolio	207.40	220.40	-2.00	1.80
-do- Accum	402.70	428.10	-4.00	1.80
UK Growth	156.40	162.90†	-1.60	1.20
UK Smaller Cos	152.60	166.40	-0.60	1.00
Select Managers	107.60	114.90	-0.10	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Por Inc	117.63	125.10		
Special Opps Inc	52.11	55.50		
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD				
0141 222 6020				
Balanced Growth	215.60	224.58	-2.73	0.45
-do- Accum	252.95	266.51	-4.49	0.45
Smaller Cos	215.04	224.00	-0.65	0.12
-do- Accum	244.55	254.74	-0.74	0.12
Higher Yield #	52.12	55.54†	-1.21	3.34
-do- Accum #	137.16	142.89	-7.02	3.34
American Gth Inc	171.09	178.12	-0.10	
European Growth	287.70	299.69	-3.25	
-do- Accum	293.86	306.10	-3.32	
Mngd Pf'o Inc	69.42	72.31	-0.65	1.32
-do- Accum	73.09	76.14	-0.69	1.32
Intl Spec Opps	242.89	253.01	+1.74	
Pacific Gth	85.24	88.79	-1.07	1.00
UK General #	143.46	149.44†	-2.60	2.36
-do- Accum #	161.86	162.60	-2.93	2.36
Japan	39.37	41.01†	-0.65	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	112.30	117.00	+0.20	6.91
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	64.87	65.70	-0.06	6.35
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Europe	259.30	272.30†	-3.20	1.16
UK Growth	319.80	335.60	+5.10	1.14
UK Income	216.60	227.40	+2.80	3.03

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 622 100				
Can Gen Dist	323.00	342.30	+3.60	0.99
-do- Income Dist	179.50	190.20	+1.70	2.60
-do- Accum	612.20	648.80	+5.80	2.60
Gilt & Fxd Int	45.08	47.37	-0.39	4.59
Growth Units	386.90	410.00	+5.10	1.40
Bond	195.60	205.60	-0.30	5.40
Intl Growth	273.30	290.80	+1.60	0.11
North American	404.60	429.30	+3.50	
Far East	142.30	152.20†	+3.50	1.38
UK Smaller Cos	308.30	327.80†	+0.80	0.86
European	154.70	164.70†	+8.30	0.39
Japanese Growth	28.73	29.65	+0.32	
High Income	317.40	338.40	+3.30	2.53
Eurogrowth Plus	272.86	290.28	+1.72	0.08
Portfolio	109.34	116.32†	+0.81	1.03
UK Income Inc	132.71	141.18	+1.33	3.35
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455				
American & Gen	353.90	374.00	+4.20	
European Inc	171.50	181.80	+0.50	
Smaller Cos (4-1)	124.90	132.90	+0.30	1.53
Growth	807.90	859.50	+8.10	1.36
Income & Growth #	669.70	712.50	-9.20	3.79
-do- Accum #	1066.40	1134.50	-14.60	3.79
Japan & Gen	47.08	48.75	+0.72	
Hallmark Gwth	1745.00	1818.00†	+17.00	1.00
-do- Accum	2211.00	2304.00	+22.00	1.00
Special Sits	185.10	197.00†	+1.70	1.28
High Yield	2147.90	2214.00	+19.00	3.22
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	128.32	136.40†	+1.15	2.15
American Portfolio	197.02	206.58†	+1.81	0.33
European Portfolio	237.40	252.08	+3.35	0.26
High Income	56.51	59.50	-0.28	6.27
Japanese Portfolio	45.42	48.08†	-0.54	
Pacific Portfolio	94.01	101.09†	+1.29	1.47
UK Equity	134.00	142.79	+1.71	2.57
UK Equity & Bd	74.07	78.41	+0.18	4.90
UK Smlr Cos	61.73	66.03	+0.04	1.74
CBF CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fd Inc	1059.86	1096.02		3.20
Inv Fd Acc	1123.03	1140.01		
Fxd Int Sec Inc	168.64	169.32		7.56
Fxd Int Sec Acc	187.25	188.01		
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	1039.16	1054.86		3.30
Investment Acc	5127.85	5205.15		
Fixed Int Inc	135.68	136.12		7.85
Fixed Int Acc	285.85	286.99		
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 556 8800				
CF Intl Acc	105.10	110.47	-0.52	5.59
City Fin Fd	38.27	41.27†		
Acorn Ethical Tst	219.82	233.85†		8.52
City Fin Assets	98.71	103.65		2.74
City Fin Intl	93.09	98.03	+0.97	
Fears Hse Cap	418.12	444.81†	...	2.12
Buckley Wld Grth	139.74	146.12		
Utilities Fd	100.33	102.25	+0.94	2.54
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	43.08	45.71	+0.36	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 233				
American Gwth	123.36	131.22	+1.71	
Dragon Growth	38.97	41.67	+0.72	2.01
Equity High Inc #	136.85	144.81	+2.06	3.73
-do- Accum #	209.27	221.44	+3.15	3.73
Extra Income Inc	28.37	30.93†	-0.01	5.68
Extra Income Acc	35.40	37.38	-0.01	5.68
European Gwth	120.67	127.69	+0.38	
Evergreen	40.79	43.82	+0.14	
General Equity	156.81	165.50	+1.81	1.81
Japan Growth	32.34	34.40	+0.47	
Pedigree Gwth	101.39	107.29	+0.83	1.22
Ped Sm Cos Inc	49.89	52.79	-0.02	1.17
-do- Accum	53.93	57.07	-0.02	1.17
Retirement Inc #	38.80	41.28	+0.56	4.37
Special Sits	66.34	71.33	+0.56	1.93
UK & Overseas	82.07	86.84	+1.08	0.18
COLONIAL UNIT TRUSTS (UK) LTD				
01634 888 000				
Balanced	94.37	98.30	+0.58	2.84
Capital	119.33	124.30	+1.16	1.56
High Income	58.08	60.50	-0.09	6.30
Top 50	88.82	92.52	+1.37	1.53
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	268.39	279.80	+2.69	3.62
Long Gilt	53.71	55.91†	-0.26	4.71
Monthly Inc Plus	63.66	66.32	-0.12	6.76
-do- Accum	79.61	82.94	-0.15	6.76
Preference Share	62.62	65.44†	-0.19	5.96
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	191.01	198.99†	+0.88	4.84
Managed Fund	95.13	99.10	+0.53	2.49
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	55.68	58.01	+0.09	1.09
-do- Accum	67.14	69.94	+0.09	1.09
UK & General	143.39	149.38	+1.92	1.87
-do- Accum	193.33	201.41	+2.58	1.87
UK Growth	281.77	293.54	+3.62	1.20
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	392.81	409.22	-2.35	
Far Eastern Grth	82.90	86.36	+1.30	0.39
Global Bond	72.35	75.37	-0.11	5.09
Japan Growth	80.25	83.60	+0.89	
North Amer Gth	381.55	397.49	+3.84	
Overall Growth	47.05	49.02	+0.97	1.33
Worldwide Growth	98.29	102.40	+1.02	
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.90	92.90	+0.02	6.79
Homemaker Fund	118.66	126.25	+1.81	1.82
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 556 8800				
Consistent UT	48.52	51.71		2.49
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	229.30	243.70	+2.40	1.94
UK Eqty Inc	100.40	106.70	+0.88	3.26
European Growth	130.60	138.50	+1.10	
UK Spec Sits	246.00	261.70	+1.10	1.41
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	1373.00	1394.00†	...	3.03
CREDIT SUISSE ASSET MGMT FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
European Inc	116.90	123.90	+0.50	0.26
Fellowship Tst	139.20	148.00	+0.40	0.90
Income #	395.70	420.90	+4.10	3.27
-do- Accum #	1110.00	1180.00	+12.00	
Smaller Cos	279.90	297.70†	+0.30	0.39
-do- Accum	351.00	373.40	+0.40	
Gth Portfolio	141.70	150.70	+1.60	1.01
Mthly Inc Port #	116.20	123.60	+1.40	5.16
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 470 1634				
Global Sm Cos	1944.80	1945.90		0.48
UK Small Cos	2548.40	2650.10		3.34
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	302.60	311.90		..
DRESDNER RCM FUNDS (UK) LTD				
Dealers:0171 956 7354 Client Helpline:0800 317573				
Formerly KBUT				
Amer Smlr Cos	249.49	265.41	+1.11	
Asian Growth	147.83	157.26	+3.07	0.49
Bond Income	112.08	116.13†	-0.08	6.25
European	337.01	358.52†	+1.57	0.12
European Pfly	162.42	172.78†	+0.74	0.67
European Special	246.26	261.97†	-0.75	
Gilt Yield	131.70	138.94	-0.65	6.10
Global Eqty Inc	160.17	169.89	+1.68	1.36
High Yield #	230.08	244.76†	+4.51	3.87
Japan	279.55	297.39	+2.65	
Japanese Special	132.82	141.29	+1.78	
Money Market	105.54	105.54	+0.01	
North American	187.16	198.95	+1.65	
Smaller Cos	179.10	190.53†	-0.38	0.75
Smlr Cos Div	79.56	84.63†		4.76
Tomorrows Co Er	1413.00	1432.00	-17.00	0.11
UK Index Inc	497.82	500.12	+6.47	2.46
Global Income	279.09	298.36	+2.98	3.03
Formerly Thornton				
European	589.97	596.82	+2.69	0.31
Europe Bd	38.56	41.15	-0.02	6.97
Exempt	1021.99	1064.31†	+12.86	1.73
Global Em Mkts	67.24	70.40	+1.31	0.50
Japan Tst	61.50	64.39†	-0.76	
Little Dragons	52.25	54.71†	-0.73	
Oriental Income #	30.77	32.21	+0.21	3.94
Preference	161.98	169.61	-0.62	7.62
Tiger	147.62	154.57†	-2.20	
UK Growth	980.43	1036.62	+12.76	1.25
UK High Yield #	159.11	166.60		3.88
UK Mid-Cap	518.10	542.51	-3.06	1.10
UK Smlr Cos Div #	99.18	103.85		5.21
UK Smlr Cos	163.58	171.28	-0.25	0.01
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 526				
European	104.40	110.50	-0.80	
Financial	90.36	95.71	+1.63	1.04
UK Growth #	431.20	458.70	+4.60	1.97
UK Income #	257.20	273.30	+2.60	3.11
International	516.00	548.20		
Intl Cap Inc	135.30	145.50		1.86
Latin American	32.29	34.31	+0.82	
Mod Gwth Port	115.40	120.80	+1.40	0.58
Pacific	53.56	56.91	+0.78	
Prof High Inc	27.78	29.52†	-0.09	6.10
Tokyo	133.30	146.30	+2.39	
UK Smaller Cos	326.40	346.80	-1.00	1.01
Japan Sm Cos	225.30	239.60	+2.40	
Nth Amer	714.30	755.10†	-8.10	
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
Growth Acc	382.90	402.00†		0.16
Income	733.40	772.00		4.02
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	281.90	297.83		0.66
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	161.42	169.92†	+1.12	1.11
Ethical Fd	63.56	66.90	-0.25	1.06
Far Eastern	195.66	205.95†	-2.17	2.19
High Income	204.54	215.30	+1.54	3.40
UK Index Trckng	79.47	83.65	-0.51	2.02
Intl Growth	148.32	156.13	-1.10	1.24
North American	218.11	229.59	-1.05	1.43
Pelican	210.59	221.67	-1.76	2.08
Smaller Cos	83.29	87.67†	-0.79	1.55
Spec Sits	107.06	112.69	-0.61	1.37
Tst of Inv Tsts	282.06	296.90	-1.84	1.38
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	196.05	208.01	+3.23	
Fd of Inv Tsts	71.93	76.16†	-1.50	0.10
High Income #	31.18	34.27†	-0.25	8.52
[illegible]	63.17	74.01	-1.73	
Zero Preference	52.07	55.25†	+0.13	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 724 570				
Family Asset Tst	148.60	158.00†	-2.32	1.73
Charities Fd	402.70	428.30	-2.90	2.04
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		6.90
Bond Funds				
Intl Bond ‡	25.39		-0.03	4.87
Income Funds				
High Income	34.83	36.51†	-0.17	4.30
Income Plus #	202.80	215.70	-2.09	3.54
Moneybuilder Gwth #	47.97	49.25	-0.49	2.78
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	19.26	20.55	+0.48	
American	594.60	630.70	-6.30	
Amer Spec Sits	272.80	290.60	-1.30	
Europe	399.90	424.30	-3.00	0.25
European Opps	156.70	166.50	-0.80	0.34
Global [illegible]	49.98	53.15	-0.69	0.16
UK Growth	186.60	198.50	-2.70	0.98
Growth & Inc #	273.20	290.60	-3.00	2.43
Intl PEP	72.940	77.560	-0.77	0.89
Japan Spec Sits	57.65	61.00	-0.67	
Japan	144.50	152.70	-1.20	
Managed Intl	534.00	556.30	-5.60	0.52
Moneybuilder Plus	92.93	93.59†	-0.91	0.28

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Recovery	76.530	81.380	+0.28	2.26
South E Asia	122.00	130.00	+3.60	1.61
Special Sits	1098.00	1168.00		0.97
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	126.45	126.45	+0.02	6.90
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	188.20	190.10	+3.10	1.45
Finsbury Fd Inc #	118.30	119.28		5.34
Cap Protn	229.20	230.60	+2.20	0.22
General Opps	192.90	194.30	+2.10	3.08
Growth Inc	55.60	56.32	+0.51	0.98
Private Portfolio	687.50	692.50	+12.10	1.13
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 690 385 Advice/Val 01277 690 350				
Euro Smllr Cos	260.50	276.80	+8.20	
High Income	24.84	26.34†	-0.27	8.54
UK Smllr Cos	37.09	39.51†	+0.08	1.76
US Smaller Cos	612.80	650.78	-2.00	..
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6600 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	138.30	147.20	-0.50	
-do- Accum	138.10	142.80	+0.92	
Amer Smllr Cos	881.90	937.70	+7.00	
-do- Accum	901.00	958.00	+7.90	
Capital Tst	489.00	518.80	+8.10	1.26
-do- Accum	717.00	762.80	+8.40	1.26
Cons Smllr Cos	96.34	102.80†	+0.70	
-do- Accum	103.40	110.30†	+0.70	
Convertible	164.49	174.90†	-1.80	5.43
-do- Accum	390.80	414.90†	-5.80	5.43
Emerging Markets	49.77	53.17	+0.46	0.07
-do- Accum	50.19	53.82	+0.46	0.07
European	268.88	284.76	+2.20	
-do- Accum	285.90	302.70	+2.20	
Extra Income	545.80	580.40	+7.30	3.99
-do- Accum	909.70	969.70	+12.20	3.99
Financial	314.70	334.40	+3.30	0.38
-do- Accum	338.20	359.40	+3.60	0.38
Gilt Trust	83.93	88.92	-0.57	6.89
-do- Accum	106.20	111.50	-0.60	6.89
Health Fund Inc	282.60	300.60	+0.10	
-do- Accum	282.69	300.60	+0.10	
Income & Growth	312.90	332.90	+4.80	3.77
-do- Accum	527.40	561.10	+7.80	3.77
Intl Growth	569.00	604.40	+5.50	
-do- Accum	631.90	671.20	+6.20	
Japan & Gen	114.30	120.80	+1.70	
-do- Accum	115.40	122.08	+1.70	
Monthly Inc #	272.40	289.60†	+3.30	3.81
-do- Accum #	289.80	308.10†	+3.40	3.81
Managed Port Inc	149.50	157.40	+1.40	1.52
-do- Accum	166.50	175.30	+1.50	1.52
Quarterly Income #	73.29	78.25	+0.80	4.50
-do- Accum #	90.31	95.42	+0.98	4.50
UK Growth	92.52	98.43†	+0.84	1.20
-do- Accum	103.70	110.30†	+0.90	1.20
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01722 715685 Enq 01722 715834				
FP American	100.10	106.20	+0.90	
FP Am Smllr Cos	244.90	261.20	-0.20	
FP Asian Growth	131.70	140.40†	+2.80	
FP Australian	417.30	445.10	+5.80	
FP Equity Dist	675.90	720.90	+11.30	1.34
-do- Accum	1555.00	1658.00	+26.00	1.34
FP Euro Gth	552.20	589.00	+6.80	
-do- Accum	604.80	645.20	+6.40	
FP Intl Bond	58.93	62.46	-0.17	3.91
FP Intl Gth Dist	54.24	57.85	+0.73	
-do- Accum	79.98	85.29	+1.08	
FP Pac Basin Acc	153.70	163.90	-2.70	0.05
FP Income #	83.58	89.15†	+1.45	3.86
-do- Accum #	316.30	337.30	+5.40	3.86
FP Jap Smllr Cos	161.60	172.30	+1.50	
FP Monthly Dist #	96.86	103.00†	+1.00	4.44
FP Stlg Deposit	100.30	100.30†	+0.18	6.45
FP Tokyo	83.26	87.47	+1.05	
FP UK Focus	63.40	67.62	+1.20	0.92
FP UK Growth	296.20	315.90†	+5.40	0.86
-do- Accum	618.00	659.20	+11.50	0.86
Stewardship Dist	553.50	590.30	+1.70	1.28
-do- Accum	713.40	760.90	+2.20	1.28
Stwdshp Inc Dist #	88.18	94.05	+0.33	3.89
-do- Accum #	130.80	139.50	+0.56	3.89
Stwdshp Intern	194.20	207.10†	+1.30	
-do- Accum	209.40	223.30	+1.30	
FP Exempt Trust				
Inst Ethical In #	145.70	147.40†	+1.90	2.14
Inst Ethical Ac #	152.80	153.30	+2.00	2.14
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	175.20	186.30	+1.50	0.36
Opps Cap Gth Acc	172.00	182.80	+1.50	
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	152.10	161.80	+0.90	2.77
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	166.70	177.30	+1.10	2.77
Opp Cp Gth Ic Ic #	155.30	165.20	+0.90	3.08
Opp Cp Gth Ic Ac #	173.30	184.30	+1.10	3.08
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 188/7				
GARDA	428.40	450.90	+9.70	1.03
Cash	49.80	50.54		6.37
Income Portfolio	100.10	105.40	+1.80	2.41
GA Equity Gth	311.90	331.50	+6.10	0.82
GA European Gth	231.20	244.90	+4.00	
GA Japan Gth	73.98	78.19	+1.58	
GA Nth Amer Gth	398.50	407.30	+5.30	
GA Intl Gth	167.20	177.40	+3.30	
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 629 8431				
American Smlr Cos	295.00	315.10	+1.80	0.11
European Gth	1210.00	1286.00	+29.00	0.13
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	71.63	75.95	+0.58	2.45
-do- Accum	84.21	89.29	+0.68	2.45
High Yield Inc	56.96	60.17	-0.02	6.51
-do- Accum #	69.73	73.65	-0.02	6.51
Income Inc	273.20	292.20	+4.20	2.93
-do- Accum	327.00	349.80	+5.20	2.93
Intl Growth	455.40	482.10	+3.80	1.72
Intl Income	143.10	151.29†	+0.80	2.45
Japan Growth	401.90	426.30	+5.10	0.03
Orient Acc	106.40	113.40	+1.70	0.26
UK Blue Chip Inc	287.70	306.70	+5.00	0.99
UK Blue Chip Acc	522.30	556.90	+9.10	0.99
UK Sm Cos Div Acc	95.85	106.80	+0.10	1.06
US Growth	311.30	329.00	+2.30	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	83.12	88.68	+0.81	1.35
Practical Inv Inc #	162.05	173.32	+1.78	2.78
-do- Accum #	404.65	432.78	+4.42	2.78
UK Index	265.20	266.53	+3.53	2.34
UK Smaller Cos	299.54	309.67	+0.72	1.08
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	26.95	27.83	+0.03	6.77
High Income	50.38	53.70	+0.70	3.83
UK Growth & Inc	230.11	245.17	+3.35	2.85
Global Bond	27.81	28.83†	-0.04	5.31
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	40.74	43.57	+0.67	
Global Managed	183.07	194.13	+1.18	0.84
Gold & Intl Res	70.65	74.92†	+0.39	
Global Utilities	242.15	257.60†	+1.90	1.15
Overseas Funds				
American	295.99	313.03†	+1.91	
European	242.90	258.36	+8.79	0.49
Euro Sel Opps	408.59	434.71	+1.76	
Amer Emerging	224.83	239.18	+0.65	
Hong Kong	100.55	107.42	+1.89	3.39
Japan	134.37	142.12†	+1.42	
Pacific Growth	124.75	133.42†	+2.30	1.48
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Cash Trust	159.43	159.43†	+0.02	6.88
Managed Equity	348.82	348.82†	+4.23	1.28
Long Term Bal	353.91	353.91†	-0.59	2.26
Med Term Bal	293.17	293.17†	-1.35	2.71
UK Equity	444.74	444.74	+5.10	1.09
UK Emerging Cos	207.31	207.31†	+0.12	1.90
American	509.91	509.91	+3.29	0.21
Japan	85.90	85.90	+1.03	
European	629.16	629.16	+2.22	0.69
Index Linked Gilt	228.61	228.61†	-0.88	2.31
Fixed Interest	214.63	214.63	-0.88	6.12
Amer Emerging	504.21	504.21	+1.65	
Pacific	112.45	112.45†	+2.62	1.89
Emerging Mkts	118.51	118.51	+2.53	1.05
Index Stalk Japan	91.69	91.69	+0.90	0.47
-do- Pacific Rim	100.22	100.22	+2.10	3.96
-do- Cont Europe	231.60	231.60	+1.84	1.14
Index Stalk USA	320.07	320.07	+2.71	0.88
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	165.01	175.54	-2.13	
Med Term Bal	140.47	149.43	-0.69	
Long Term Bal	159.99	170.30	-0.27	
UK Equity	208.39	221.68	+2.97	
UK Emerging Cos	98.13	104.39	+0.06	
American	237.44	252.59	+1.63	
Japan	41.12	43.74	-0.53	
European	262.80	279.57	-0.99	
Fixed Interest	112.42	119.59	-0.49	
Index Linked Gilt	102.44	108.97	-0.37	
Deposit	97.26	103.46	+0.01	
Broker Unit Trusts				
BWH Intl	190.23	200.35	-1.12	0.42
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Intl Gwth Inc ‡	939.94		-5.61	0.56
-do- Accum ‡	[illegible]		+6.37	0.56
European Gth Inc ‡	[illegible]		-4.14	1.03
Amalgam Inc ‡	[illegible]	224.25	+0.42	
N Amer Gwth Inc ‡	[illegible]		-7.60	
Far East Gth Inc ‡	[illegible]		-3.16	0.39
-do- Accum ‡	[illegible]		-3.71	0.33
UK Dvld Inc ‡	[illegible]		-1.91	1.42
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 825 5906				
European	612.03	651.90†	-11.00	
Gilt & Fxd Int	[illegible]	155.33	-0.80	4.52
Growth Equity	584.33	624.73	-10.20	0.90
Income Trust	[illegible]	232.60†	+3.50	3.29
International	273.50	292.63	-3.50	
Japan Trust	65.25	[illegible]	-1.33	
North American	[illegible]	573.23	-4.60	
Pacific	[illegible]	299.60	-5.90	1.49
Quadrant	615.30	657.01	-15.40	0.97
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
European Bond	100.35	104.73	-0.27	4.76
Global High Inc	31.75	32.21	-0.23	5.22
Stlg Bond Pflo	117.48	122.54†	-0.36	5.51
Cash Mgd Pflo	149.12	152.48†	+1.11	5.94
European Pflo	278.58	292.07	+1.45	
World Mkts Pflo	125.19	132.08	+0.81	
UK Eq Inc Pflo	217.09	226.23	+1.83	2.44
-do- Accum	321.83	342.20	+2.77	2.44
UK Opps	372.50	392.08	+3.49	2.05
-do- Accum	726.90	761.86	+4.20	2.05
Gl Vluc High Inc	178.55	177.16	-6.65	4.45
UK Emerg Cos	316.43	336.47	-0.19	3.31
Inst UK Sm Cos	333.50	432.40†	-0.57	4.06
Erch Pfo Tr	174.89	185.55	-1.52	1.18
-do- Accum	185.99	194.87	-1.59	1.18
Inc Share Tr	131.38	129.[illegible]	-2.75	6.41
HK & China Tst	56.29	[illegible]	-1.46	1.68
Blue Chip Pflo	361.49	384.35	-6.06	0.99
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 01904 611110				
Balanced Inc	[illegible]	90.25†	-0.49	2.06
Balanced Acc	54.68	63.79	-0.54	2.06
Growth	47.35	51.24	-0.51	1.14
Growth Acc	50.51	53.83	-0.54	1.14
Income	44.17	46.77	-0.51	3.09
Income Acc	45.24	48.86	-0.53	3.09
Accumulation Tst	40.32	42.54	-0.49	2.27
HARGREAVES LANSDOWN FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 690 230 Dealing: 01277 690 412				
UK Port Acc	62.74	66.57	-0.37	2.28
HENDERSON INVESTORS				
Enquiries: 0645 404349 Dealing: 0645 464645				
UK Funds				
UK Enterprise	[illegible]	[illegible]	-3.20	
Brit Inc Gwth	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.06	1.49
UK Smaller Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.86	2.28
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	[illegible]	454.90†	-5.64	2.11
-do- Accum #	[illegible]	[illegible]	-16.86	2.11
High Income	[illegible]	514.35	-5.73	3.07
Extra Income #	[illegible]	[illegible]	-3.53	4.60
Pref & Bond	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.33	6.45
International				
Ethical	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.11	1.58
International	414.65	439.53	-3.87	0.02
Global Bond	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.08	5.20
Intl Fxd Int	[illegible]	[illegible]	+1.27	8.01
Global Tech	74.[illegible]	78.53	-0.52	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	127.64	135.49	+2.05	1.18
European	1126.[illegible]	[illegible]	-4.32	0.05
European Income #	157.26	166.45	+2.95	2.00
Euro Smlr Cos	312.51	342.42	+2.35	
European Value	[illegible]	154.34		
-do- Accum	[illegible]	157.43		
Japan Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.12	
Japan Smlr Cos	126.96	[illegible]	-0.76	
Pacific Smlr Cos	150.34	156.16	-2.13	
North American	521.62	552.80†	-4.94	
American Smaller	262.24	273.61	-0.23	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0800 520053				
British	186.56	195.35	+2.50	1.49
Capital	281.93	295.21	+3.53	0.88
Dollar	827.84	866.84	-7.10	
Enterprise Gth	821.02	859.28	-5.25	0.53
European	476.61	499.87†	-1.18	
Far East	156.45	163.82	+2.96	1.32
Financial	1717.44	1798.37	+29.89	1.08
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	29.06	30.22†	-0.44	5.60
High Yield	160.38	167.94†	+2.15	3.68
Income & Growth	240.71	252.05	+3.40	3.38
International	411.53	430.92†	+3.84	0.28
Japanese General	143.42	150.18	+1.98	
Japan Tech	65.25	68.33	+1.00	
Nat Resources	54.65	57.23	+1.17	0.90
Portfolio	113.19	118.52	+0.95	2.49
Special Sits	302.17	316.40	+4.19	1.30
UK Emerging Cos	146.19	153.08	+0.01	1.08
US Smaller Cos	204.66	214.30†	+0.18	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 880 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	907.90	968.80†	-5.80	3.77
UK Growth	1028	1096	+14.00	1.18
High Income #	162.90	173.80†	+1.10	4.85
Active Funds-International				
American Growth	976.80	1034	+13.00	
European Gwth	283.60	301.60	+1.80	
Japan Gwth	206.00	218.00	+3.80	
Japan Smllr Cos	17.93	19.14	+0.03	
Asian	28.21	30.11	+0.77	0.67
Sing & Malay Gwth	25.19	26.88	-0.63	
Hong Kong Gwth	113.20	120.70	+2.50	2.43
Global Bond	20.98	22.10†	-0.01	4.85
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	247.48	249.60†	+3.80	2.09
Trade Index	152.70	157.10	-0.40	2.05
THE FOOTSIE FUND	101.10	101.60†	-1.80	1.85
Index Funds-International				
American Index	482.00	484.40	+5.20	0.36
EuroTrack 100	345.40	347.10	+2.00	0.68
Japan Index	48.79	49.04	+0.55	0.36
Tiger Index	71.26	72.85	+1.61	2.21
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	54.65	57.08	+0.04	1.25
General Funds				
Managed Dist	118.90	124.20	+1.00	0.99
Managed	124.30	129.80	+1.00	0.99
Rupert Child Fnd	162.40	169.30	+2.10	0.82
UK Growth	99.69	104.10	+1.20	0.96
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	125.00	130.50	+1.00	4.06
Gilt & Fixed Int #	29.56	30.54†	-0.02	7.14
UK Inc & Gwth	70.81	73.95	+0.85	1.96
UK Income #	550.50	574.90	+6.30	3.01
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	93.05	98.25	-0.97	
Amer Smlr Cos	210.00	218.50†	-0.70	
-do- Accum	212.30	220.90†	-0.80	
Europa Gth	481.00	501.40	+2.60	
-do- Accum	498.20	519.30	+2.60	
Euro Smaller Cos	84.11	87.57	+0.10	
French Growth	164.90	171.00	+3.20	0.32
-do- Accum	178.50	185.10	+3.50	0.37
H Kong & China	73.51	76.60	+1.48	2.86
Intl Growth	91.79	95.42	+1.02	0.47
-do- Accum	93.66	97.36	+1.04	0.47
Japan Gth	19.37	20.19†	-0.30	
-do- Accum	19.37	20.19†	+0.30	
Japan Smaller Cos	20.04	20.92	-0.21	
Glob Emg Mkts	80.06	83.61†	+1.28	0.04
-do- Accum	81.19	84.70†	+1.28	0.04
SE Asia	153.50	160.30	+3.40	1.47
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	51.09	52.67	-0.02	5.49
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 0870 606 6457 Dealing 0870 606 6407				
UK Income #	168.00	175.70	-3.50	2.43
UK Growth	174.30	184.40	+3.60	0.75
European Gwth	163.50	173.68†	-1.80	0.14
Slater Growth	288.40	294.08	+0.30	1.50
New Japan	63.35	67.24	+0.55	
Global Growth	128.60	136.20	+0.60	
Monthly Inc #	96.80	103.56†	-0.02	7.54
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	151.90	161.50†	-0.10	
Income #	308.68	328.38†	+1.84	3.50
UK Growth	122.40	130.19†	+1.09	1.35
Intl Growth	115.73	122.88	+1.23	
Ecology	140.32	149.27	+0.65	0.55
European	340.58	361.37†	+1.49	0.33
Far Eastern	225.70	240.09†	+4.30	
UK Special Sits	82.12	87.58	+0.58	0.25
Fd of Inv Tsts	70.18	74.85	+0.78	
High Income #	71.38	76.13	+0.18	4.30
Financial Opps	79.85	85.19	+1.11	0.47
Growth & Income #	59.48	63.43	-0.06	2.27
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 556 8800				
Bridge Income #	441.30	469.47	+3.56	3.79
Brit Growth	152.27	161.99	..	0.42
Inc & Growth	103.25	109.85†	+1.43	2.83

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Smaller Cos	132.17	140.61	+0.17	1.20
Ever Spec Sit Inc	72.60	77.23	-0.18	1.66
Ever Spec Sit Acc	77.32	82.26	-0.20	1.66
Pennine Growth	62.53	66.52	+0.54	1.93
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 698 432				
UK Cap	638.80	678.00	+7.10	1.25
UK Inc/Gth #	671.60	712.50	+8.20	3.02
UK Income #	471.10	499.80†	+5.10	3.94
UK Income Acc #	487.60	517.30†	+5.38	3.94
UK Sm Cos	371.80	397.70	-0.20	1.78
Euro Gwth	274.30	291.10	+0.90	0.23
N Amer Gwth	175.10	185.10	+0.99	
Pacific Growth	5.05	5.36†	+0.07	0.33
Emg Mkts Gwth	64.00	67.90	+0.46	
Japan Growth	42.76	45.37	+0.50	
Dealing: 01277 842626				
Gwth Port Inc	92.35	97.66	-0.63	0.48
Gwth Port Acc	94.34	99.76	-0.65	0.47
Inc Port Inc	85.49	90.41	+0.78	3.01
Inc Port Acc	99.76	105.50	+0.91	2.87
Wwide Port	71.57	75.69	+0.41	
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01222 448412 Dealing: 01222 683612				
Equity Dist	864.30	864.90	+10.40	1.60
-do- Accum	1835.00	1835.00	+27.00	1.60
Equity Income #	136.59	136.80†	+1.90	3.68
UK Tactical Allocn	96.85	96.85†	+1.49	3.97
European	248.50	248.50	+1.10	0.04
Far Eastern	141.90	141.90	+2.20	1.16
Fixed Interest	60.41	60.41†	-0.27	6.97
Gilt	100.90	100.90†	-0.50	5.44
Global Growth	93.01	93.01†	-0.83	0.04
Intl Bond	49.66	49.66	-0.03	5.01
Japanese	54.20	54.20	+0.54	1.76
North American	348.50	348.50	+3.20	0.07
Pacific Growth	62.74	62.74†	+1.05	1.75
Pacific Index	75.83	75.83	+0.49	3.68
UK Index	114.00	114.00†	+1.40	2.25
UK Recovery	158.10	158.10†	+1.90	1.00
UK Smaller Cos	211.50	211.50†	-0.10	0.59
US Index	139.56	139.30†	+1.70	0.47
European Index	160.50	160.50	-0.90	0.81
Japan Index	25.01	25.01	-0.22	0.04
Worldwide	130.70	130.70†	+1.20	0.56
LINCOLN UNIT TRUST MGRS				
01452 371 500 Dealing: 01452 371 623				
Growth	82.21	87.92†	+1.10	1.56
Income	93.74	99.72†	+1.21	3.42
Far East	26.10	27.91	-0.43	0.90
North American	194.20	206.30	+1.60	
Global	111.80	119.20	-0.60	0.35
European	184.10	196.40	-0.20	0.24
Japan	61.98	66.06	+0.60	
Intl Currency Bd	55.44	53.84	-0.09	4.60
SE Asia	46.20	49.21	-0.93	1.57
UK Cap Growth	148.20	158.50	+2.20	1.24
Recovery Trust	108.75	115.60	+0.40	2.95
Managed	31.50	33.60	+0.63	1.27
Cash	51.34	51.34	+0.01	6.81
LLOYDS TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
0845 3002244				
American	539.15	[illegible]	-3.80	
-do- Accum	560.83	593.44	+4.20	
Brit Growth	185.82	196.63	+2.30	1.10
-do- Accum	236.23	249.97	-3.68	1.10
European	221.65	234.55	-3.02	
-do- Accum	236.75	250.53	-3.23	
Extra Income #	308.98	326.96	+4.01	3.51
-do- Accum #	597.71	632.80	-7.76	3.51
Smaller Cos	110.07	116.47	-0.07	1.01
-do- Accum	127.36	134.77	-0.08	1.01
General	526.55	557.19†	+6.83	1.52
-do- Accum	1718.71	1726.15†	-15.05	1.52
Premier Income	56.29	59.64†	-0.07	5.29
-do- Accum	155.52	162.28†	-0.05	5.29
High Income #	98.18	103.93†	+1.18	3.32
-do- Accum #	143.65	152.02†	+1.66	3.32
Income #	557.02	589.47†	+7.24	3.11
-do- Accum #	1368.70	1448.36†	+17.90	3.11
Pacific	233.34	246.14†	-3.50	0.20
-do- Accum	234.57	248.33†	-3.67	0.20
International	325.32	345.09	-9.11	0.12
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	-12.18	0.12
Intl Income	66.41	70.34	-0.68	3.82
-do- Accum	[illegible]	97.09	-0.11	3.82
Nat Resources	138.56	146.74	-2.13	0.56
-do- Accum	178.56	189.04	-2.34	0.56
Stock Opps	196.33	208.07	-2.41	1.37
-do- Accum	257.57	274.68	-2.31	1.37
Environmental Inc	134.38	142.17	-3.04	0.99
-do- Accum	152.70	164.58	-3.45	0.99
Sector	106.75	112.36	-1.18	1.34
-do- Accum	126.59	133.95	-1.40	1.34
Selector Income	88.41	93.56	-0.92	1.34
-do- Accum	117.85	124.71	-1.09	1.34
UK Growth Inc	97.16	102.82	-1.27	1.17
-do- Accum	132.57	140.24	-1.24	1.17
UK Income Inc #	73.40	78.07	-0.98	3.00
-do- Accum #	97.33	[illegible]	-1.14	3.00
Master Gilt Inc	88.43	93.58	-0.98	0.31
-do- Accum	83.58	88.61	-1.00	0.31
Other Unit Trusts within Lloyds TSB group				
Lloyds Bk Unit Tst Mgrs Ltd				
Helpdesk 01634 234339 Dealing 01634 834013				
Balanced	530.52	534.60	+10.20	1.64
-do- Accum	1462.30	1526.00	+26.00	1.64
Cont Euro Gth	135.55	142.70	-0.30	0.62
-do- Accum	146.70	154.50	-0.30	0.62
Extra Inc #	416.30	442.30	-11.00	3.41
Extra Inc Acc #	1215.00	1294.00	-31.00	3.41

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FTSE 100 Inc	191.00	203.20	+3.80	1.46
FTSE 100 Acc	203.50	216.50	+4.60	1.46
German Gth	258.30	271.90	-0.40	0.08
-do- Accum	278.50	293.20	-0.30	0.08
Growth Port	928.40	978.20	+14.90	0.46
-do- Accum	959.40	1032.00	+16.00	0.46
High Interest Inc	112.98	117.90†		6.44
High Interest Acc	132.50	137.00	+0.10	6.44
Hi Reserve Inc #	137.20	146.00	+1.50	4.67
Hi Reserve Acc #	161.90	172.30	+1.80	4.67
Income Inc #	817.30	869.50	+8.60	2.94
Income Acc #	2433.00	2586.00	+21.00	2.94
Income Port	789.30	808.90	+9.80	3.58
-do- Accum	884.50	952.30	+11.60	3.58
Japan Growth	74.41	79.16	+0.83	
-do- Accum	74.67	79.44	+0.83	
Master Trust	88.63	94.29†	+1.05	1.26
-do- Accum	105.70	112.50	+1.30	1.26
Millennium Acc	137.80	146.60		1.54
N American Gen	410.80	437.10	+3.20	0.50
-do- Accum	476.58	505.80	+3.80	0.60
Nthn Sm Co Rec	249.00	264.90		
-do- Accum	254.10	270.40		
Pacific Basin	131.90	140.49	+4.00	1.21
-do- Accum	142.30	151.40	+4.30	1.21
Safety First Acc	126.60	133.20	+1.50	1.10
-do- until 19/3/99 ‡	119.15			
Small Cos Rec	600.60	632.30	-0.40	2.32
-do- Accum	849.20	893.90	-0.80	2.32
UK Eq Gth	245.60	261.50	+4.30	1.89
UK Eq Inc #	192.90	205.20	+3.70	2.87
UK Growth	156.60	166.70†	+4.30	1.25
-do- Accum	202.00	214.90	+5.60	1.25
Worldwide Gth	500.70	532.70†	+2.50	0.33
-do- Accum	741.10	788.50	+3.60	0.33
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 672				
General	161.11	172.86	+2.85	1.90
Income	106.24	113.13	+1.74	3.30
International	[illegible]	102.94†	+0.96	0.80
Tst of Inv Trusts	101.58	108.96	+1.48	0.80
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
American	694.60	733.19	+4.60	0.56
-do- Accum	872.80	921.00	+5.70	0.56
Amer Recovery	797.30	841.80	-7.80	0.27
-do- Accum	923.90	974.60	-8.80	0.27
Amer Smlr Cos	183.70	193.90	-0.80	
-do- Accum	187.70	198.10	-0.80	
Australasian	188.70	199.80	+2.30	2.12
-do- Accum	243.70	257.80	+3.00	2.12
Blue Chip #	101.30	101.85†	+1.24	3.08
-do- Accum #	316.50	318.79†	+3.89	3.09
British Opps	76.30	80.79	+0.30	2.35
-do- Accum	277.40	293.50	+1.20	2.35
Capital	1272.80	1345.80	+13.10	2.20
-do- Accum	1569.70	1660.10	+16.20	2.20
Charifund #	1125.50	1138.80	+9.20	4.29
-do- Accum #	6333.50	6396.90	+51.80	4.29
Commodity	317.50	335.80	+4.00	1.17
-do- Accum	471.30	498.50	+5.90	1.17
Corporate Bond	28.70	29.81†	-0.11	5.90
Dividend	79.90	84.40	+0.70	3.84
-do- Accum	290.60	307.40	+8.40	3.84
Equity Income #	435.40	460.40	+2.40	4.38
-do- Accum #	645.10	682.10	+3.80	4.38
European	1068.20	1129.60†	+3.20	0.31
-do- Accum	1383.10	1462.60†	+4.20	0.31
Euro Dividend #	128.70	136.10†	-0.40	2.65
-do- Accum #	172.80	182.70†	+0.50	2.65
Euro Smlr Cos	85.30	90.20	-0.20	
-do- Accum	86.60	90.50	-0.20	
Extra Income #	659.50	692.40	+6.90	4.26
-do- Accum #	2354.90	2490.30	+24.50	4.26
Fund of Inv Tsts	903.20	955.10	+9.90	0.87
-do- Accum	1778.90	1881.30	+19.50	0.87
Gilt Income	70.94	71.05	-0.20	5.36
-do- Accum	235.77	236.12	-0.94	5.36
Gold	34.70	36.70†	+0.30	0.58
-do- Accum	42.10	44.60†	+0.30	0.58
High Interest	25.25	25.25	+0.02	7.28
Income #	45.50	48.20†	+0.80	3.73
-do- Accum #	213.70	226.40†	+3.90	3.73
Ind Growth	105.10	111.10	+0.80	0.65
-do- Accum	187.20	197.90	+1.40	0.65
International Inc #	146.00	154.40	+0.90	3.60
-do- Accum #	245.10	259.20	+1.50	3.60
Japan	23.10	24.40	+0.20	
-do- Accum	24.60	26.10	+0.20	
Japan Smlr Cos	86.30	91.10	+0.70	
-do- Accum	86.90	91.70	+0.70	
Managed Gwth @	33.50	33.79†	+0.20	1.16
Managed Income #	38.60	38.93†	+0.44	3.89
Pension Ex	1535.30	1573.70	+18.10	2.71
Recovery	63.50	67.20†	+0.60	2.46
-do- Accum	114.30	121.00†	+1.10	2.46
Smaller Cos	79.50	84.10	+0.39	1.83
-do- Accum	171.00	181.80	+0.60	1.83
Sth East Asia	197.60	209.20	+3.80	2.89
-do- Accum	268.60	284.10	+5.20	2.89
Trustee #	59.10	62.50	+0.50	4.01
-do- Accum #	272.40	288.10	+2.52	4.01
UK Equity #	92.10	97.40†	+1.30	3.32
-do- Accum #	266.30	281.90†	+3.80	3.32
UK Growth	1622.80	1716.10	+18.50	1.38
-do- Accum	1850.00	1956.30	+21.00	1.38
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	183.16	194.85	+0.55	8.28
Intl Bond	62.75	65.91	+0.21	3.57
Intl Equity Growth	113.39	120.38	+1.01	0.48
N Amer Growth	211.37	224.18	+0.84	0.35
Special Sits Growth	41.35	43.96	+1.57	1.49
UK Growth	672.05	714.94	+1.50	1.52
-do- Accum	954.96	1015.91	+1.50	1.52
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1614.70	1635.50		2.50
Income #	1342.90	1362.90†		3.80
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	216.70	221.50†		3
MANEK INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
0171 615 7070				
Growth Fd Acc	115.40	123.10	+0.50	
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
High Income #	109.70	113.10	+0.30	5.81
Investment Pflo	237.80	245.10†	+2.10	1.56
-do- Accum	292.80	301.80†	+2.80	1.56
UK Select Pflo	232.80	240.00†	+2.70	1.31
-do- Accum	290.70	299.70†	+3.40	1.31
UK 100 Cos	183.40	183.40	+2.50	1.35
-do- Accum	191.40	191.40	+2.60	1.35
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 380 060				
Managed Tst	84.28	89.66		3.70
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	111.30	118.10†	+1.10	3.57
European	174.60	185.40	+1.30	0.16
Income #	115.90	123.00	+1.30	2.72
Nth American	116.60	123.80†	-1.20	0.19
Far East	118.10	125.40†	-2.00	
Japan	50.39	53.48	-0.62	
Emrging Mkts	73.48	78.59	+1.02	0.74
Intl Growth	154.80	164.30	+1.60	0.70
UK Growth	163.20	173.20	+1.50	1.57
UK Smlr Co	70.08	74.40	-0.09	1.62
Asia Pacific	21.73	23.24†	-0.32	0.13
Glob Gwth PEP	83.36	88.48	+0.83	0.56
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0161 831 7433				
Select Portfolio	125.60	133.70	-1.70	
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 556 8800				
Income	687.29	731.18	+8.38	2.56
Global Inc	189.31	195.22	+0.65	2.11
Brit Leaders Inc	525.59	559.05	+6.42	1.66
Intl Leaders	331.67	352.84	+2.47	0.30
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0800 445522				
American	468.70	491.90	+5.000	
-do- Accum	497.10	525.90	+5.300	
American Opps	164.00	174.30	+0.500	
-do- Accum	166.10	176.50	+0.600	
Bal Port	123.70	131.00	+1.100	2.27
-do- Accum	157.90	167.20	+1.300	2.27
British Blue Chip	143.00	151.89	+2.380	2.17
-do- Accum	190.50	202.10	+3.000	2.17
Cash	101.40	101.40	+0.100	7.05
-do- Accum	161.90	161.90		7.05
Emerging Mkts	111.20	118.60	+2.900	0.26
-do- Accum	112.70	121.20	+2.900	0.26
European Growth	585.70	598.10	+4.800	0.09
-do- Accum	617.40	652.80	+5.200	0.09
General	821.40	872.50	+13.10	1.78
-do- Accum	1732.00	1839.00	+28.00	1.78
Global Bond	131.60	139.70	-0.40	4.38
-do- Accum	187.10	198.50	-0.40	4.38
Gold & General	117.30	125.80†	+2.400	
-do- Accum	121.40	130.20†	+2.500	
Govt Securities	103.90	107.10†	-0.30	4.45
-do- Accum	239.60	246.90†	-0.70	4.45
High Yield Bd	113.10	115.80†		5.48
-do- Accum	131.60	134.70†	-0.10	5.48
Income	266.90	283.30	+3.300	3.35
-do- Accum	469.50	498.60	+6.000	3.35
Inc Portfolio #	143.10	152.20†	+1.200	4.83
-do- Accum #	161.30	170.70†	+1.400	4.63
Intl Opps	707.50	754.40†	+13.80	0.67
-do- Accum	967.40	1031.00†	+19.60	0.67
Japan	131.70	137.00	+2.300	
-do- Accum	134.20	142.61	+2.300	
New Europe	359.20	382.80	+1.800	0.48
-do- Accum	378.90	403.80	+1.900	0.48
Pacific	53.30	56.85†	+1.200	0.38
-do- Accum	58.00	61.87†	+1.300	0.38
Recovery	573.40	616.00	+1.700	2.26
-do- Accum	785.80	835.70	+2.400	2.26
UK Smaller Cos	76.46	81.56	-0.11	1.46
-do- Accum	89.73	95.71	-0.14	1.46
Managed Gwth	158.40	165.50†	+1.700	1.54
Managed Inc	152.70	158.40†	+1.300	3.48
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg. 0345 456 126 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm				
Balanced	89.58	94.95	+0.18	2.00
-do- Accum	103.80	110.30	+1.00	2.00
Europe Gth	157.23	164.60	-2.45	1.10
-do- Accum	165.20	174.60	+1.80	1.10
Corp Bond Inc	108.90	112.40	-0.20	5.91
-do- Accum	122.10	126.50	-0.35	5.91
Long High Inc #	95.49	99.59†	-0.65	5.37
-do- Accum #	124.30	135.50†	+1.80	5.37

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FTSE 100 Acc	111.00	116.20†	+1.90	1.65
FTSE 100 Dist	102.40	105.10†	+1.70	1.65
Gilt & Fxd Int	61.15	63.64	-0.26	5.71
-do- Accum	212.80	221.50	-0.90	5.71
High Yield #	331.40	347.00	+2.50	5.06
-do- Accum #	995.00	1042	+8.00	5.06
Household Names	147.10	147.60	+2.20	1.08
Income #	464.80	486.70	+5.40	3.28
-do- Accum #	1147	1201	+13.00	3.26
Money Market UT	49.77	49.77	+0.01	6.54
-do- Accum	90.60	90.60	+0.07	6.54
Monthly Income	132.50	138.70	+1.00	3.50
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	202.70	215.60†	+1.80	1.53
European Growth	256.00	271.30†	+2.80	
Gilt & Fixed	121.10	128.40†	-0.80	4.57
Income	157.10	167.10†	+1.70	3.17
Japan Growth	31.30	33.18†	+0.28	
Managed	112.80	120.00†	+1.10	1.99
Money Market	105.70	112.10†		5.75
North America	169.70	178.60†	-0.60	
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	184.80	196.60†	+2.80	1.52
European Growth	239.90	254.30†	+2.60	
Gilt & Fixed Int	112.80	119.00†	-0.80	4.57
Income	153.70	163.50†	+1.60	3.17
Japan Growth	31.36	33.25†	+0.27	
Managed	107.60	114.50†	+1.00	2.00
Money Market	97.40	103.20†		5.76
North American	151.70	160.80†	-0.60	
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	182.20	193.80†	+1.70	1.53
European Growth	233.80	247.80†	+2.50	
Gilt & Fixed Int	99.76	105.80†	-0.30	4.57
Income	149.50	159.00†	+1.60	3.17
Japan Growth	32.00	33.92†	+0.28	
Managed	111.70	118.60†	+1.20	1.98
Money Market	87.22	92.45†	+0.01	5.76
North American	169.10	179.20†	-0.70	
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealing: 0171 545 7474 Enquiries: 0171 545 7171				
American Gwth	753.50	796.90†	-7.50	
European Gth Inc	885.80	938.10†	+7.10	
-do- Accum	895.60	945.40†	+7.10	
UK Equity Inc	312.50	331.70	+4.40	2.23
Do Accum	447.70	475.70	+6.30	2.23
UK Growth Inc	188.50	201.90	+1.90	2.08
-do- Accum	197.38	211.40	+2.10	2.08
UK Ind Trckr Inc	285.00	304.60	+4.00	2.21
-do- Accum	365.80	389.80	+5.00	2.21
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	460.40	486.60†	+4.70	0.85
Asian Tracker	102.10	110.10	+2.40	0.56
Mngd Pfolio Inc	250.60	268.40†	+2.40	1.34
Mngd Pfolio Acc	261.90	280.80†	+2.70	1.34
Europe	341.50	365.30	-0.50	
High Income	22.12	23.43†	+0.18	6.00
Japan Growth	76.12	81.32	+1.01	
UK Blue Chip Acc	161.80	172.10†	+2.60	1.40
All-Wrld Eq Acc	97.20	103.70	+0.70	
Wld Opps Gth Acc	95.43	101.50	+0.70	1.00
Wld Opps Gth Inc	95.43	101.50	+0.70	1.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 933				
American Growth	85.18	89.99	+0.74	
Equity Income #	148.20	150.10†	+2.80	3.27
European	140.50	149.10	+1.60	
Smaller Cos	103.80	108.70	-0.40	1.02
W'wide Eqty	102.50	104.40	+1.30	
Global Bond	42.86	42.51†	+0.13	4.17
UK Growth	155.60	158.80	+3.30	0.96
Pacific Growth	62.50	63.59†	+1.48	1.92
Japan Growth	84.51	85.84†	+1.64	
DEICS				
Portfolio Acc A ‡	53.05	...	+0.74	1.76
Portfolio Inc A ‡	53.59	...	+0.74	1.76
Gilt Acc A ‡	51.87	..	-0.14	8.11
Gilt Inc A ‡	51.32	..	-0.14	6.11
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	221.14	235.25	+2.63	1.56
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
Americas Dist	169.50	180.80	+0.90	0.01
European Dist	269.30	283.50	+0.40	0.13
Far East Dist	107.50	113.20	+1.50	0.05
Global Care Dist	124.70	130.60†	+0.90	0.08
Oseas Dist	1283.40	1350.90	+7.90	0.18
-do- Accum	1669.90	1757.80	+10.30	0.18
UK Dist	624.60	657.50	+6.80	1.10
-do- Accum	1308.90	1377.80	+18.00	1.10
UK Extra Inc Dist	132.80	139.80	+1.50	2.82
Wwide Dist	143.40	150.80	+0.80	0.11
Wwide Inc Dist	111.40	117.30	+0.70	1.48
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Dlg: 0870 601 6147 Admin Enq: 0870 603 9188				
Europe Inc	140.87	148.66	+0.67	0.49
Fund of Funds Inc	88.55	93.46†	+0.72	1.09
North America Inc	96.60	101.95	+0.67	
UK Equity Gth Inc	100.19	105.74	+0.81	0.98
-do- Accum	111.85	118.05	+0.90	0.98
UK General Inc	96.56	101.91	+1.30	0.98
-do- Accum	110.28	116.39	+1.49	0.98
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	50.21	52.66†	-0.21	5.75
UK Income Inc	94.47	99.70	+1.33	1.72
UK Smlr Cos Inc	158.46	168.30	+0.70	1.29
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0800 614 330 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American	77.74	82.70	+1.01	
-do- Accum	78.34	83.34	+1.02	
Intl Bond	148.15	148.72†	-0.36	4.56
Cash Income	50.56	50.56	+0.01	6.60
-do- Accum	75.28	75.28	+0.01	6.60
Challenger	108.56	114	+0.88	1.46
Distributor	154.28	164.10†	+3.33	1.83
European	113.38	120.67†	+0.59	
Expt I-L Gilt	108.39	108.46	-0.43	2.27
Foundation	153.19	162.85	+0.53	0.80
Managed Inc	307.17	326.77†	+0.81	0.80
Managed Acc	316.33	336.52†	+0.83	0.80
Growth Inc	203.36	216.33	+5.63	0.64
Growth Acc	213.26	226.87	+5.90	0.64
Higher Income Inc #	48.67	51.77	+0.59	3.89
-do- Accum #	82.83	88.84†	+0.76	3.89
High Yield Bond #	101.76	108.22†	-0.18	6.80
Income	419.72	446.61†	+4.43	3.97
Intergold	190.62	206.27	-4.30	0.87
Intl Gwth	52.46	55.80	+0.45	
Japan	23.02	24.48	+0.46	
Oriental Inc	90.69	96.47	+1.99	0.67
-do- Accum	94.03	100.03	+2.07	0.67
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2555				
High Income #	62.78	63.72†	+0.85	5.67
UK Growth	153.60	156.40	+1.50	1.23
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	186.01	195.80	+1.97	1.95
UK Equity	249.04	262.15	+3.42	1.91
UK Equity Income #	217.53	228.98	+2.96	4.12
UK Smaller Cos	188.45	198.37†	-0.09	1.21
UK Equity Growth	227.58	239.56	+2.28	0.47
UK Index Trckg	251.33	265.26	+2.61	1.78
Intl Index Trckg	230.02	242.76	+2.04	0.44
International	366.51	385.80	+3.04	0.70
European	458.68	482.82	+1.80	0.19
Pan European	268.55	282.68	+2.60	0.04
Nth American	359.31	378.22	+2.79	0.04
N Amer Smlr Cos	407.21	428.64†	+1.73	
Japanese	85.90	89.45†	+0.95	1.18
Pacific	144.01	151.59†	+2.14	2.38
South East Asian	142.97	150.49	+2.72	2.65
Sterling Bond	111.30	117.15†	-0.53	5.65
Intl Bond	124.64	131.20	-0.13	3.96
Gilt & Convertible	119.98	126.30†	-0.81	5.56
Property	96.30	101.37†	-0.01	4.68
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	564.38	602.20	+0.10	0.51
-do- Accum	600.80	641.30	+0.10	0.57
Japan Inc	70.97	75.17	+1.18	
Nth American Inc	271.08	286.50	+1.08	
Worldwide Inc	265.60	281.70	+1.90	
HK & China Inc	104.80	112.00	+2.50	2.61
Swiss Equities Inc	155.18	165.30	+0.20	
Wwide Bond Inc	69.77	73.71	-0.03	7.23
Emrging Asia Inc	87.29	93.68	+2.02	4.00
-do- Accum	87.86	94.59	+2.02	4.09
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.56	50.56		6.52
Thailand Inc	28.46	30.75	+0.84	0.05
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	100.40	107.30	+1.00	0.30
Latin Am Cmp Inc	73.61	78.72	+1.06	0.74
UK All Sh Mltr Inc	104.10	185.50	+1.30	1.51
Broker Unit Trusts				
Way Global Blue	103.20	109.80	+0.76	0.40
Global Portfolio	89.37	95.68†	+0.44	
Way Global Red	79.77	84.85	+0.59	
Marsh Global Gth	73.59	78.04	+0.75	0.86
AMR Brit Gwth Inc	165.60	177.00	+2.00	0.89
Temple Equity Inc	61.16	65.65†	+1.03	0.71
Hartley Growth	179.50	191.00	-0.50	1.38
IFS Portfolio Inc	124.70	132.00	+0.60	
UFC Growth	80.89	85.60	-1.41	0.22
Chartfield Port of Fds	58.87	62.46		0.12
Pyg Intl Equity	93.01	99.48†	+0.51	0.14
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 826 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	416.50	443.10†	+7.60	1.00
-do- Accum	944.20	1004.50	+17.30	1.00
Growth	272.50	285.80	+4.90	1.35
Income	388.00	412.70	+2.50	2.94
Intl Equity	376.30	400.30	+4.40	0.70
-do- Accum	472.70	449.60	+4.90	0.70
Equity Income #	103.70	110.20†	+2.80	4.17
Equity Growth	142.80	151.90	+2.60	0.84
New Europe	180.70	192.20	+0.50	
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	911.55	972.74	+7.36	0.39
-do- Accum	920.97	982.70	+7.43	0.39
Income #	670.98	718.82	+5.06	3.19
Wwide Recovery	601.28	642.57	+3.97	0.57
Amer Growth Inc	432.84	459.85	+4.46	
-do- Accum	432.94	459.86	+4.46	
Intl Emerging Cos	391.17	398.28	+1.75	0.14
Far Estn Gth Inc	200.57	214.52	+3.68	1.86
-do- Accum	204.61	218.84	+3.14	1.86
Euro Gwth Inc	337.86	360.18	+1.65	
-do- Accum	338.84	361.42	+1.65	
UK Growth Inc	164.48	175.01	+1.28	2.08
-do- Accum	184.22	197.02	+1.44	2.08
High Income #	171.82	183.72†	+1.26	3.47
Jap Gwth Inc	137.87	147.36	+0.88	
-do- Accum	137.87	147.36	+0.88	
PEP Bond	69.23	72.35	-0.10	7.20
PEP Growth	205.56	219.39	+3.54	0.48
Asian Sm Mkts Inc	66.61	71.25	+1.78	0.71
-do- Accum	67.22	71.90	+1.78	0.71
Amer Smlr Co Inc	283.79	302.70	+1.84	
-do- Accum	283.79	302.20	+1.84	
Global Bond	54.95	58.30	+0.01	5.00
UK Smaller Cos Inc	136.56	146.06†	-0.08	1.60
-do- Accum	149.80	160.22	-0.08	1.60
Lat Am Gwth Inc	36.74	39.19	+0.50	0.75
-do- Accum	37.34	39.82	+0.51	0.75
World Inc PEP #	54.41	57.58†	+0.29	3.58
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0191 201 3927				
American	192.08	204.34	+0.62	
European	163.29	173.62	-1.65	
Global	49.91	53.10†		
Pacific	34.46	36.52	+0.58	
UK Inc & Grth	112.49	119.67	+0.71	1.05
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 0171 588 0800				
Asia	32.62	34.34	+0.28	
Emerg Mkts	39.15	41.21	+0.56	0.41
Euro Fund	71.35	75.18†	+0.69	
Fund of Funds	247.28	260.28†	+1.50	0.02
High Income #	89.11	93.59†	+0.30	5.00
Performance	61.45	64.68	+0.38	
PREMIER PORTFOLIO MGRS LTD				
01483 456 832				
Dividend	156.70	167.60	-4.30	3.18
Intl Gth & Inc	351.40	373.70†	+6.70	
UK & Gen	72.29	77.12	-1.72	0.16
Fund of Funds	92.18	97.98	+0.38	
Pres Bal Growth	85.58	89.02	+0.49	0.96
Enterprise	139.80	146.80†	+1.30	1.60
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	220.52	237.96		1.73
For Profile UT see Aberdeen Prolific UT				
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
UT Dealing: 0345 406000 Client Enq: 0345 835600				
Managed Tst	54.92	56.91	+0.51	1.81
Cash Invest Inc	101.77	102.27	+0.01	6.45
Cash Invest Acc	128.77	129.40	+0.01	6.45
Dist Trust Inc	130.74	135.48†	-0.90	4.54
Dist Trust Acc	158.00	164.55	+1.28	4.54
Global Growth	134.70	142.66	+2.09	0.55
Equity Inc	117.90	125.12	+1.14	3.33
Equity	1260.97	1349.50	+17.20	1.24

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
European	470.67	497.74†	+0.79	0.13
High Income	116.07	123.48†	+0.67	4.44
Intl Grth	268.09	285.20†	-2.60	0.78
Intl Sm Co	108.41	115.33	+0.37	0.84
Japanese	125.63	129.85	+2.26	
Mgd Income Tst #	51.32	52.87†	+0.02	7.44
Nth Amer	353.65	365.63	+2.44	0.57
Pacific Mkts	67.95	69.79	+1.87	2.48
Premier Inc	50.06	52.93†	-0.19	6.78
Sm Cos	130.93	139.29	-0.17	1.18
Spec Sits	172.79	183.82†	+2.31	1.61
UK Growth	213.87	227.52	+2.83	1.21
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 556 8800				
Hi Inc Inv Inc	120.01	127.53	+0.92	2.80
Investment Trust	154.64	164.34	+1.70	0.30
UK Smaller Cos	140.16	148.95†	-0.25	1.50
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	512.00	543.10	+10.30	2.11
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1000 Client Services: 0800 124 314				
Five Arrows Portfolio Fund				
Asia Pacific	28.36	28.61†	+0.49	
Cash	48.26	50.26†	+0.01	5.50
Emerging Mkts	40.52	42.31†	+0.63	
Europe	108.80	113.70†	+1.30	
Global Fixed Int #	50.24	52.47†	-0.04	4.83
Japan	28.82	30.09†	+0.36	
North America	100.60	105.00†		
UK	96.65	99.89†	+1.15	
UK Equity Inc #	84.07	87.80†	+1.02	2.69
UK Fixed Int #	55.86	58.33†	-0.04	5.11
Portfolio Service PEP				
Independent Grth	70.96	74.69	+0.82	
Independent Inc #	69.09	72.72	+0.57	2.48
Five Arrows Global Investment Funds				
A Shares				
Asian Opps ‡	27.80		+0.47	0.99
Asia Pacific ‡	28.72		+0.55	1.29
Europe ‡	66.12		+0.62	
Japan ‡	38.51		+0.40	
Latin America ‡	36.99		+0.36	0.25
North America ‡	59.30		+0.48	
UK Eq Income #	59.14		+0.79	4.07
UK Major Cos ‡	62.30		+1.16	0.52
UK Smaller Cos ‡	63.55		+0.21	0.68
ROYAL & SUN ALLIANCE UT MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0870 601 8183 Dealing: 0870 601 8083				
Royal & Sun Alliance Trusts				
Equity	1679.00	1776.00†	+25.00	1.09
Equity Income #	162.90	172.30†	+2.50	3.47
European	306.90	324.70	+7.10	
High Inc Bond	51.50	51.58	+0.04	1.88
Portfolio	157.70	166.80	+1.70	1.11
UK Index Trckg	294.10	311.20	+4.10	3.89
UK Leading Cos	126.00	133.30†	+2.00	1.59
UK Smaller Cos	166.40	176.00	+0.20	0.97
Royal Life Trusts				
High Inc Dist	245.00	259.20	+3.80	2.89
Intl Cautionary	75.52	80.28	+0.20	3.58
Intl Growth	107.60	113.80†	+1.00	
Managed	257.00	271.90	+2.60	0.41
Pacific Basin	55.44	59.02	+0.88	0.65
United States	205.10	217.00	+1.40	0.25
Sun Alliance Trusts				
Far East	117.30	124.10†	+1.90	1.32
Wwide Bond	56.37	59.35	-0.05	5.00
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 784 400				
American Growth	298.50	317.60†	+3.80	0.80
European Growth	295.20	314.00	+4.30	0.87
Far East Growth	77.84	82.92†	+1.21	2.63
Japan Growth	83.11	88.38	+1.66	0.56
Special Sits	287.80	305.30	+4.00	1.80
UK Growth	151.40	161.00†	+3.90	1.89
Intl Growth	378.20	403.50	+6.30	1.40
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	98.00	103.70	+1.70	1.06
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	678.00	717.50	+3.60	0.96
-do- Accum	1072.00	1134.00	+5.00	0.96
Growth Inc	212.70	225.10	+1.00	0.89
-do- Accum	219.00	231.70	+1.00	0.89
International Inc	572.00	605.30	+3.80	0.75
-do- Accum	793.50	839.70	+5.30	0.75
Nth Am & Intl Inc	541.40	572.90	+1.80	0.60
UK Gen Prog Inc	393.70	416.60	+2.50	1.66
-do- Accum	463.40	490.40	+3.10	1.66
UK High Inc Inc	213.10	225.50	+3.40	3.41
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
European Gwth	160.62	171.08	+0.87	1.00
Global Bd	61.43	64.86	-0.09	5.00
UK Gwth	138.81	147.66	+1.98	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
Clients: 0800 829 100 Brokerline: 0800 727 770				
Amer Smlr Cos	198.20	210.90	+1.50	
Cash	148.10	148.10†		7.15
China Dragon	42.74	45.47	+1.04	1.61
Commodity	99.15	105.50	+1.30	
Emerging Mkts	36.81	38.31†	+0.80	0.44
European Gwth	424.90	452.00	+8.50	
Euro Smllr Cos	114.10	121.40	+1.70	
Extra Income #	75.20	77.93	+1.15	4.65
Far Eastern	65.23	69.39	+1.82	
FE Sm Cos	34.49	36.69†	+0.74	0.74
Financial Secs	525.60	559.40	+15.30	0.39
Gold & Exploration	31.85	33.88	+0.40	
Growth	669.10	672.50	+15.90	0.39
High Income	54.52	54.52	+0.03	6.68
Intl Bond	159.60	168.70	+1.20	4.70
ITU	301.30	320.50	+5.80	0.48
Japan Growth	119.38	126.88	+3.16	
Japan Smaller	99.80	106.20	+2.10	
Korea	16.37	17.41	+0.61	
Latin America	45.96	48.91†	+1.19	0.41
Marketrust	86.42	88.85†	+1.87	0.72
Premier Eq Gth	262.70	279.50†	+8.50	0.78
Premier Eq Inc	536.30	570.50	+13.80	3.29
SE Asia	23.87	25.38	+0.75	0.91
Southern Africa	39.84	42.38	+1.56	1.61
UK & O'seas	269.00	286.20†	+6.60	0.59
UK Eqty Gth	128.80	138.80	+3.20	0.80
UK Eqty Inc #	381.50	405.80†	+10.30	3.39
UK Grth & Inc #	465.40	495.10	+13.10	2.07
UK Sm Cos	78.06	83.04	+0.26	0.18
US Growth	341.50	362.70	+5.50	
New Europe ‡	51.61		+2.09	
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Clnt: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	554.16	585.46	+5.62	0.29
-do- Accum	617.89	652.59	+6.26	0.29
European Growth	155.75	164.91	+1.56	0.31
Euro Smlr Cos	167.57	178.05†	+0.27	0.02
-do- Accum	169.99	180.63†	+0.27	0.02
Far Eastern Gth	73.63	78.53	+1.38	0.17
-do- Accum	75.12	80.12	+1.40	0.17
Gilt & Fixed Int #	58.60	61.73	-0.29	5.81
Global Bond #	43.97	45.43†	-0.07	5.70
-do- Accum #	57.97	59.90†	-0.08	5.70
Global Emer Mkts	41.82	44.60	+0.65	0.01
-do- Accum	41.96	44.76	+0.66	0.01
Income #	572.29	610.41	+3.62	3.93
-do- Accum #	2046.07	2182.48	+12.93	3.93
Japan Smlr Cos	199.95	203.67†	+1.20	
-do- Accum	191.33	204.07†	+1.20	
Japan Enterprise	44.71	47.69	+0.73	
Pacific Gwth	76.80	81.92	+1.74	1.18
-do- Accum	80.60	85.97	+1.83	1.18
Portfolio	122.11	128.57	+1.04	1.72
-do- Accum	138.79	147.38	+1.18	1.72
Seed	12.66	13.50	+0.32	0.01
-do- Accum	12.68	13.50	+0.32	0.72
Strategic Inc	127.94	136.09	+1.18	1.82
Strategic Acc	132.02	140.43	+1.22	1.82
Tokyo	99.86	106.53	+1.93	
-do- Accum	100.89	107.61	+1.96	
UK Enterprise	456.80	487.25†	+4.56	1.53
-do- Accum	586.68	625.76†	+5.85	1.53
UK Equity	426.02	454.42†	+5.15	1.22
-do- Accum	894.29	953.90†	+10.80	1.22
UK Smaller Cos	450.33	480.35†	+1.11	0.77
-do- Accum	543.63	579.86†	+1.34	0.77
US Smlr Cos	375.76	400.51	+3.39	
-do- Accum	375.76	400.51	+3.39	
Institutional Funds				
European	503.09	521.16	+5.81	0.80
-do- Accum	575.90	596.58	+6.66	0.80
Euro Smllr Cos	53.04	55.24	+0.38	0.88
-do- Accum	58.06	60.48	+0.41	0.88
Global Equity Inc	127.83	132.43	+1.62	0.87
Japan Smllr Cos	19.61	20.42†	+0.12	0.29
-do- Accum	19.87	20.69†	+0.12	0.29
Mngd Balanced	281.55	293.02	+2.70	2.65
-do- Accum	343.78	357.79	+3.30	2.65
Overseas Equity	262.34	272.21†	+3.59	0.86
-do- Accum	280.05	290.59†	+3.84	0.86
Oseas Smllr Cos	145.53	151.59	-0.74	4.13
-do- Accum	155.76	162.25	-0.79	4.13
Pacific	141.14	147.82	-2.85	2.95
-do- Accum	160.85	167.95	-3.25	2.95
Recovery	3101.08	3238.29	+12.94	2.63
-do- Accum	3542.29	3689.87	+14.77	2.63
UK Index	274.52	285.95	+2.24	2.30
-do- Accum	369.86	385.29	+3.03	2.30
UK Small Cos	180.15	187.65	-0.20	2.28
-do- Accum	206.07	214.64	+0.22	2.28
US Smlr Cos	85.22	88.58	+0.80	0.41
-do- Accum	88.16	91.64	+0.82	0.41
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	85.31	90.22	+1.39	1.33
Equity Trust	115.85	122.51	+2.37	1.88
Equity Strategy	117.80	124.58	+2.21	1.09
European Opps	180.34	190.71	+1.79	0.29
UK Smaller Cos	93.45	98.82	-0.54	0.83
Maximum Gwth	100.60	103.22		5.88
Japanese	47.20	49.91	+0.56	
Asia Pacific	68.14	72.06	+1.76	1.29
American	199.10	210.29	-1.58	0.47
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	35.33	35.33		7.04
UK Eq Gwth Inc	88.17	93.87	+1.16	2.61
-do- Accum	122.62	130.53	+1.60	2.01
Intl Income	410.79	436.73	+3.86	1.17
-do- Accum	737.99	784.58	+6.92	1.17
European	181.70	193.08	+1.60	0.79
Japan	46.96	49.73	+0.71	
American	169.41	179.01	-1.55	0.64
Far East Tact	49.00	52.35†	-1.03	2.97
Ethical Inc	52.08	55.70†	+0.65	1.38
-do- Accum	61.67	65.96†	+0.65	1.38
UK Blue Chip Inc	58.56	62.42	+0.79	1.99
-do- Accum	73.04	77.86	-0.98	1.98
UK Equity Inc	62.72	66.35	+0.75	3.96
-do- Accum	95.61	101.39	+1.17	3.96
UK Global Inc	70.59	75.01	+0.60	1.23
-do- Accum	78.61	83.65	+0.67	1.23
Wwide Tact	121.37	129.15	+1.00	0.92
Europe Tactical	134.30	143.19†	+2.09	0.47
Technology	241.54	256.44	+0.32	0.31
Dist Inc	31.89	33.83†	+0.19	4.92
-do- Accum	34.97	37.10†	+0.21	4.92
UK Ext Inc Inc	27.22	28.76	-0.01	6.80
-do- Accum	30.75	31.36	-0.01	6.80
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	751.50	799.20	+11.20	1.46
American	555.80	588.00	+6.80	0.62
Pacific	271.70	290.10	+4.10	0.27
European	1075.30	1142.30	+7.50	0.42
Worldwide	114.80	122.10	-1.50	0.27
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	478.10	508.60	+6.30	1.45
-do- Accum	653.70	695.40	+8.70	1.45
UK Str Co Eq Inc	299.70	318.80	-0.30	2.43
-do- Accum	378.70	402.80	-0.40	2.43
Select Opprty Inc	119.00	127.00†	+1.70	1.27
Income Plus Inc	124.60	132.50†	+1.40	3.08
European Inc	738.30	784.90†	+1.70	0.53
-do- Accum	856.50	910.50	+1.90	0.53
Far Eastern Inc	95.70	101.80†	+1.52	2.29
-do- Accum	112.50	119.80	+1.50	2.29
Japanese Inc	42.36	45.05†	-0.57	
Nth American Inc	543.30	576.40	+2.60	
-do- Accum	601.80	638.00	+2.90	
Intl Growth Inc	286.10	304.10	+0.50	0.33
Wwide Venture Inc	126.60	134.50†	+0.60	0.51
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 655 3724				
Equity Inc	633.10	668.90	+17.10	1.54
-do- Accum	1016.60	1080.00	+17.00	1.54
UK High Inc #	297.70	316.70	+5.30	3.11
-do- Accum #	485.00	512.40	-8.50	3.13

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Europe Inc	851.00	899.10	+8.80	0.40
-do- Accum	906.90	958.10	+9.40	0.40
Nth Amer Inc	499.00	527.00	+9.00	
Global Inc	352.80	372.70	+5.60	
Global Acc	383.00	404.90	-6.30	
UK Spec Sits Inc	176.90	186.80	+2.90	1.02
South East Asia	99.20	104.80	+2.60	1.18
Cash Trust Inc	100.60	100.60		6.78
UK Smlr Cos Inc	141.40	149.40	-0.80	1.83
-do- Accum	152.20	160.80	-0.90	1.83
Intl Bond Inc	89.39	93.89	+0.20	2.83
International Scot	102.10	108.20	+0.40	0.35
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	276.50	291.10†	+2.20	0.12
Nth American	208.00	218.90†	+0.70	
Intl Bond & Conv	139.00	146.20	+0.10	5.47
Pooled Pension	338.10	353.50	-5.10	1.75
Smaller Cos	155.60	163.80	+0.10	0.84
UK General #	241.40	254.10	+3.60	1.69
Far Eastern	53.07	55.88	+1.15	1.06
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 6226				
Continental	159.10	167.80	+1.60	0.70
Global Gwth	112.80	118.70	+1.30	0.50
Inv Tst Port	77.16	82.52	-1.38	1.80
Managed	1804.19	1884.45†	+23.49	2.00
Pref Inc #	117.30	124.70†	+0.20	6.90
Smaller Cos	332.90	354.10†	-3.50	0.80
Ireland SIB Recognised				
UK Equity Inc ‡	128.86	†	-0.90	3.30
Sterling Reserve ‡	100.56	†	+0.01	6.74
Corporate Inc ‡	108.09	†	+0.11	6.19
Tel Pan ‡	61.04		+1.13	
Aztec ‡	73.81		+1.22	
Amer Gth Fund ‡	211.53		+1.32	
European ‡	279.87		+2.01	
Global Bond ‡	91.49		-0.14	6.89
Samurai ‡	40.17		+0.78	
UK Growth ‡	149.00		+1.30	2.79
UK Emerg Leader ‡	109.83		+0.85	2.94
Investment Trust ‡	145.59		+1.65	1.85
The Football Fd ‡	79.82		-0.19	
Reserve Roll Up ‡	105.53		+0.13	
Dmark Reserve ‡	99.98	†	-0.12	4.06
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	676.10	714.40	+1.40	
Capital	200.10	211.70	+3.00	0.81
Cash	101.85	101.85	+0.03	6.83
European	266.20	281.60†	+3.60	
Far Eastern	115.60	122.30	+2.00	0.83
Growth	241.90	255.30	+3.70	1.06
Income #	193.30	204.50	+2.90	4.56
Magnum	201.70	213.40†	+2.70	0.92
Smlr Secs	822.80	870.70	-4.50	
Thoroughbred	238.10	252.00†	+3.30	0.88
SOCIETE GENERALE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Broker Desk 08000 276 2436				
UK Growth Acc	98.32	104.60	-0.90	1.43
Technology	103.40	109.60	-0.20	
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0800 73 11 093				
Chrtfld Prinrnce	69.58	71.73	-0.02	6.50
Ethical	101.20	108.20	-0.20	0.72
European Growth	142.00	150.50	+0.40	0.03
Income #	80.79	86.40	+1.31	3.40
Intl Growth	143.40	151.90	+1.10	0.07
Managed	135.20	143.20	+1.00	0.10
UK Growth	92.97	99.43	+1.67	0.84
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 33 33 53				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	61.07	61.38	-0.90	1.37
Global Advtg Acc	67.25	67.59	+1.00	1.31
Income Advtg Inc	49.77	50.02†	-0.60	2.75
Income Advtg Acc	61.24	61.55	-0.80	2.75
UK Equity Gth Acc	155.40	164.80	+1.00	0.89
Premier Inc Inc	55.05	56.98†		5.85
Premier Inc Acc	64.88	67.16		5.85
Managed Acc	84.29	89.35	+1.00	1.34
UK Eq HI Inc Inc	58.59	62.11	+0.90	3.76
UK Eq HI Inc Acc	82.13	87.06	+1.20	3.76
UK Ethical	55.52	57.47	-0.20	0.85
UK Smlr Cos Acc	74.06	78.51	-0.30	0.56
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	120.30	127.90	+2.30	1.00
UK Equity Gen Inc	84.15	89.41	+1.60	1.00
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	35.27	37.30		5.55
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	441.40	479.00	-6.88	1.65
Nth American Acc	85.50	90.85	-1.10	0.08
Pacific Basin	25.46	27.06	+0.50	1.86
European Acc	95.62	101.60	+1.50	0.86
Japan Acc	19.68	20.91	+0.30	
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global A (NZS)	6.200	6.590	+0.010	1.75
US Eqts (US$)	4.868	5.175	-0.009	0.62
Far East Eqts (yen)	243.762	259.779	-4.345	
FT Europe	262.71	278.15	+6.280	0.99
FT N Amer (US$)	4.695	5.015	+0.080	
FT Japan (yen)	133.90	141.40	+0.680	
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	1.840	1.853	-0.013	0.97
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	712.20	752.90	+11.40	
British #	1833.30	1939.60	+22.90	2.07
Emrging Mkts	140.10	149.10	+7.50	1
Euro Gwth Inc	168.40	178.30	-1.20	
Euro Small Co	82.48	87.84	-0.10	
Japan	85.74	90.81	+1.20	
Asia Pacific	276.80	294.80	+2.90	2.04
-do- Accum	305.30	325.20	+3.20	2.04
Inv Trust Acc	399.20	423.10	+5.40	0.90
Mngd Equity	269.50	285.10	+2.80	1.72
Mngd Cash	95.61	95.67	-0.01	6.70
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 525 725				
Asia Pacific	13.24	14.09	+0.30	1.68
Corp Bd Gilt Inc	108.09	114.99	-0.08	5.89
Corp Bd & Gilt Acc	122.77	130.61	-0.09	5.89
European	90.22	95.98	-0.25	0.10
Japan	26.01	27.67	+0.40	0.01
Managed Assets	192.05	205.40†	+1.63	1.61
North American	72.96	77.61	+0.63	0.12
Smlr Co's Inc	46.45	49.41	-0.01	1.51
Smlr Co's Acc	52.13	55.46	-0.01	1.51
UK Growth Inc	93.97	99.97†	+1.26	1.29
UK Growth Acc	109.97	116.99	+1.48	1.29
Extra Income #	63.82	68.26†	+0.75	3.48
Worldwide Gwth	57.97	61.04	-0.58	0.27
For TSB Unit Tsts see Lloyds TSB Unit Tsts				
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED				
0800 435810				
British	609.47	641.55	+7.72	1.62
European	144.84	151.66	-0.75	0.64
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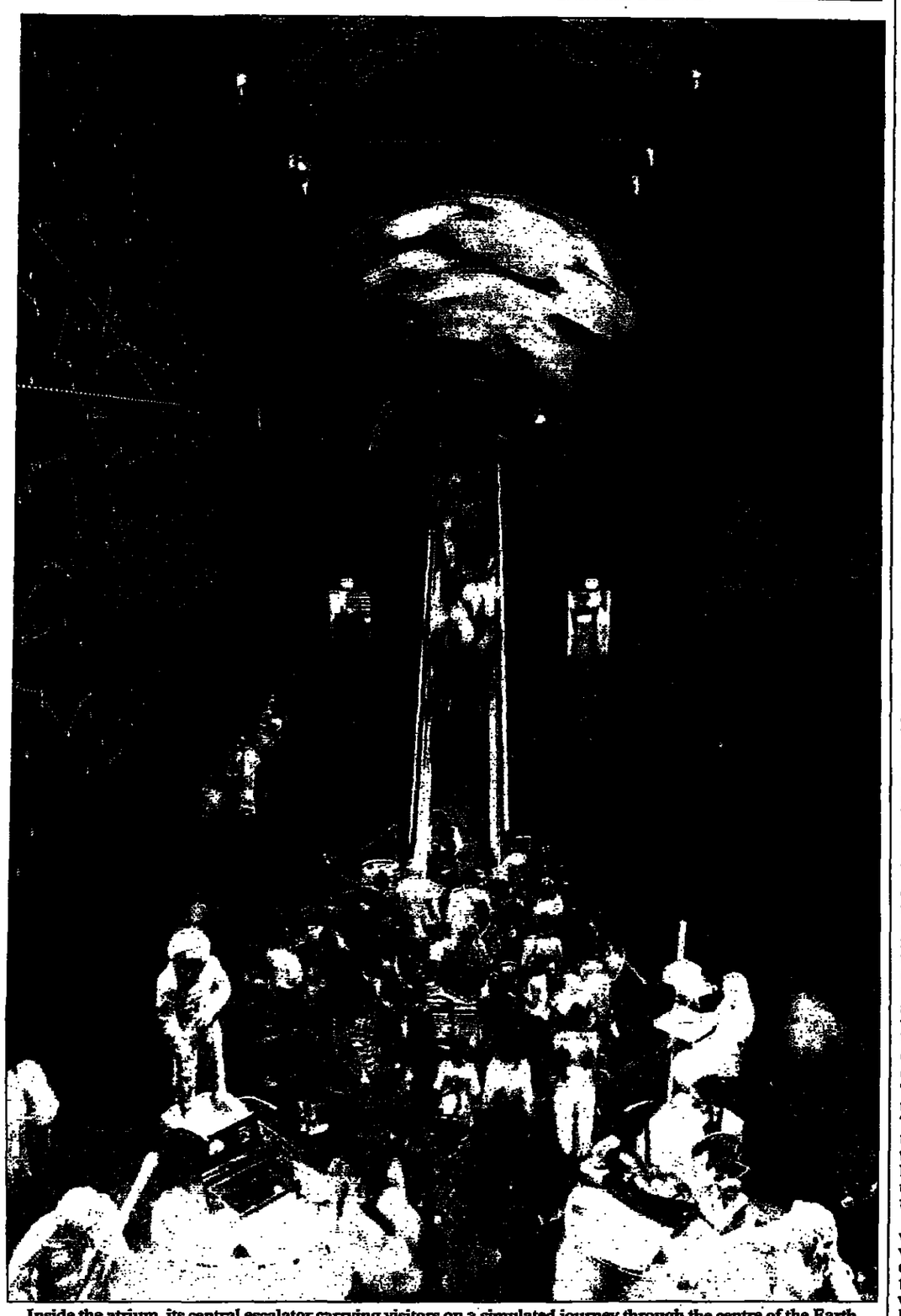
Sweet but slight: the new *Dr Dolittle*

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At the Natural History Museum four spectacular new galleries reveal Earth's history. **Nigel Hawkes** takes a tour

Rocks at the heart of the universe



Inside the atrium, its central escalator carrying visitors on a simulated journey through the centre of the Earth

The earth has moved for the Geological Museum, once beloved only of those who cannot get enough rocks. Today four bright new galleries, financed principally by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Rio Tinto plc, open their doors to a public that needs to be cajoled. At a cost of £12 million, the old Geological Museum has metamorphosed into the new Earth Galleries at the Natural History Museum.

Many old devotees will grumble over the results, in spite of the museum's efforts to accommodate their taste for rocks in boxes. But the rest of us, who hardly ever set foot in the Geological Museum, will find the new galleries far more attractive. And fears that they would owe more to Disney than to the giants of geology can be set aside: these are fine displays that marry some beautiful specimens to a modern understanding of the Earth's evolution.

> People are interested in the forces that shape Earth

The Geological Museum began as the collection of the British Geological Survey, finding a home in 1935 in a building tacked on to Alfred Waterhouse's Natural History Museum and fronting Neo-Classically on to Exhibition Road. Except to the rock-fanciers it was always a poor cousin, though there was no essential reason why it should have been. "Market research found that people thought it was dusty and dull," says Dr Bob Bloomfield, head of exhibitions research and design at the museum. "But at the same time, it showed that people were interested in earthquakes and volcanoes, the forces that shape the Earth."

The chance was there to create more stimulating galleries, and the first results became plain when stage one of the transformation was unveiled two years ago. A vast atrium was thrown open at the entrance, with an escalator running up through a rotating globe meant as a symbolic representation of the Earth. The intention was simply to make the entrance exciting enough to draw people in. Two new galleries were opened at the same time.

Now the modernisation is complete with a further four galleries. One of them, "Earth lab", is designed to satisfy the amateur geologists who liked the old museum for its displays of British minerals and fossils. Here visitors will be able to compare their own specimens with those of the museum, consult maps to plan trips, or access the database for more information. Advice will be available from museum experts. "We didn't want to neglect the very dedicated but small group of amateur enthusiasts," says Dr Bloomfield.

The other three galleries are intended for the general public. The two most striking are "From the beginning", a chronological tour through the Earth's history arranged in a single long gallery, and "Earth's treasury", where more than 3,000 gems and minerals are displayed in glittering rows against a jet black backdrop.

"From the beginning" starts with the Big Bang, and finishes with the shadow of extinction through human bungling. In between it packs the evolution of planets, the atmosphere, life, and the relationship between geological change and extinction events. Some magnificent fossils, including a huge fish, hairy mammoths, dinosaurs and birds illustrate the roller-coaster of life on Earth. A Moa bird provides mute evidence of the extinctions of recent times.

This is didactic, fact-packed, stimulating stuff. In the minerals gallery, aesthetics take over. Here a long case is filled with semi-precious stones, including a large diamond lent by De Beers. At the end, plainer fare takes over: metal ores, clays, slates, concrete and finally silica, the raw material for glass and for the semiconductor revolution.

The final gallery, "Earth today and tomorrow", is more dutiful and less inspired. It tells the tale of water, mining, energy and environmental pollution, the getting of resources and their ultimate disposal.

The new galleries open at a time when some natural history museums around the world are finding the going tough. Ten years of change, often bitterly resisted, under the director, Neil Chalmers, have left the museum in healthier financial condition than most, with a far greater proportion of its turnover generated from its own resources. Front-of-house is looking good, and better still now the Earth Galleries are complete. Behind the scenes the priceless collections under the museum's care, but invisible to the public, need renovation, a project less attractive to sponsors but vital if the museum's true purpose is to be sustained.

● *The Natural History Museum, London SW7 (0171-938 9123)*

'Writing is a hotline to the imagination'

LITERATURE: Children's fiction is thriving, says this year's Carnegie winner. **Nicolette Jones** reports

Yesterday at the British Library the winner was announced of the Library Association's Carnegie Medal, the nation's most prestigious — though not the most lucrative — prize for children's fiction. The prize, first won in 1936 by Arthur Ransome and since given to Walter de la Mare, C.S. Lewis, Penelope Lively and Anne Fine, went to the outsider, Tim Bowler, for his novel *River Boy*. He receives a medal and £1,000 worth of books to donate to an organisation of his choice.

The shortlist included such established children's authors as Malorie Blackman, Philip Ridley and Henrietta Branford, all of whom have won other awards, Geraldine McCaughrean, a previous Carnegie laureate, and J.K. Rowling, whose *Harry Potter and The Philosopher's Stone* was the children's publishing sensation of 1997. At the same time, the Kate Greenaway award for children's illustration went for the second time to P.J. Lynch, and the sponsors, Royal Mail, launched a set of new children's literature stamps.

But the real drama of the occasion was that Bowler was the long shot, breaking through the ranks into recognition with his third novel for teenagers, and furthermore that he stirred the assembled audience with his acceptance speech — a clarion call for the written word. We need stories, he said, not just because they entertain us, but because they change us. They are our "moral and philosophical fertiliser". Bowler believed that "snazzier, jazzier" visual media would never oust literature, as some fear, because literature has a "precious, unquenchable ... hotline to the imagination".

A picture, he said, is never worth a thousand well-written words: a thousand words will create thousands of pictures in the mind. And even a few words will do it, such as "In a hole in the ground there lived a Hobbit", which transports the reader to the whole realm of Middle Earth. Using the written word merely to send e-mails and leave notes for the cleaner, said Bowler, would be "like using a Rolls-Royce just to deliver groceries".

He went on to say that "those who take the patronising view that writing for young people is easier than writing for adults are talking hogwash," because young people are "the most complex creatures in the world ... Writing for them does not mean writing down; it means writing up — to the level at which they deserve to be allowed to operate."

Bowler's winning book, River Boy, is about bereavement. Its heroine is a teenage girl who loses her beloved grandfather. She is helped to come to terms with the loss by a mysterious boy, who may be a metaphysical visitor, or ghost, or a projection of her own emotion, and who gives the tale its suspense. *River Boy's* apparently dark subject seems to continue a Carnegie tradition: recent winners have included Melvin Burgess's *Junk*, about heroin addiction, and Robert Swindells's *Stone Cold*, about a serial killer who preys on the homeless.

In fact, for Bowler, *River Boy* is a light book. His first, *Midget*, was the story of a disabled boy who was secretly tormented and tortured by his elder brother, and, though its author says it is also a book about hope and heroism, it is not relieved by a happy ending. His second, *Dragon's Rock*, is also about an unhappy boy. Jess, the heroine of *River Boy*, has a loving family and unlimited potential: the tone of the book is pastoral and elegiac, and it is a celebration of life and of nature as much as it is about death.

Bowler has no reservations about dark subjects for young people. "We don't need to shield them from tough issues ... they can handle anything." And although he doesn't believe in preaching, he thinks that the books that will last must have some moral integrity, not a didactic message but something that can fashion your attitudes. What he likes best, though, are books that "grip me in the guts", that have emotional power and a good story.



Tim Bowler, 1998 winner of the Carnegie Medal

Bowler lives in a small village in Devon, with a schoolteacher wife who is a head of English, and no children of his own. He writes, he says, for himself; it was a kind of chance that found his novels targeted at teenagers. Most of the time he supports himself as a translator from Swedish.

His books to date have had an element of magic realism: his fourth, *Shadows*, does not, and will be published in January. He is now at work on his fifth, and on an adult novel, though he also has a book in a drawer that was turned down for publication: a book about rape, from the woman's point of view, and inspired by news of rape camps in Bosnia. "People expect me to be angst-ridden and tortured when they meet me," says Bowler, "and I'm not. I indulge my whackier sense of humour in e-mails and faxes but I don't write novels about it. I write about things that got inside me and won't go away."

● *River Boy is published by OUP (£5.99)*

CLASSICAL CDs: From Cole Porter to Italian symphonies

MUSICAL

John Higgins

■ **PORTER**
Kiss Me Kate
Morison/Kirk/Drake/Lang
Sony SK 60536 ★★★ *£15.49*

COLE PORTER'S wittiest musical is generally remembered on disc via the movie cast. MGM brought out some of their vocal heavyweights for that occasion, led by Howard Keel and Kathryn Grayson. But spare a thought for the original cast of the Broadway show which ran for more than a thousand performances. On the evidence of this Sony compilation of tracks recorded at the beginning of 1949 they were no slouches in putting across a number.

Alfred Drake is a swaggering Fred Graham, doubling up as Petruchio in the road-show version of *The Taming of the Shrew*, which brings him up against his ex-wife and co-star, Lilli Vanessi. The book, mainly by Bella Spewack, drew its inspiration jointly from Shakespeare and the off-stage quarrels of the Lunts. Patricia Morison, rescued by Porter from a dismal Hollywood career, has limited vocal range but certainly knows how to point a line and a lyric. So does Lisa Kirk as Lois Lane.

The unnamed orchestra sounds a bit brassy, but Sony throws in for good measure a sophisticated arrangement of the overture made in 1958 by Lehman Engel. The songs remain irresistible. Who but Porter could have rhymed "puberty" with "Schuberty"? Well, Ira Gershwin, perhaps.

CHORAL

Hilary Finch

■ **JOHANNES OCKEGHEM**
Missa prolationum
Hilliard Ensemble
Virgin Veritas VER 5 61484 2
★★★ *£10.49*

THIS is the latest volume of The Hilliard Edition, with its valuable reissues from the Hilliard Ensemble's decade of recordings with EMI. From its series of performances of 15th and 16th-century music from France and the Low Countries, it is now the turn of Johannes Ockeghem.

Based at the Abbey of St Martin of Tours (patron saint of journalists, if memory serves) and in the chateaux of the Loire, he was *premier chapelain de chant* to three kings of France from 1450 to his death in 1497.

The *Missa prolationum* which dominates this disc is the very apotheosis of counterpoint, and its long phrases, shifting cadences and metres, and ambiguous tonality epitomise the composer's distinctive voice. Here, too, sung with the Hilliard Ensemble's characteristic pungent blend and stylistic flair, are two sombre settings of *Salve regina* (one of which may not be Ockeghem); a low-lying, melancholic *Intemerata Dei mater*; and an *Alma Redemptoris mater*.

ORCHESTRAL

Barry Millington

■ **PUCCINI, CATALANI & PONCHIELLI**
Orchestral Works
Filarmonica della Scala/Muti
Sony SK 63025 ★★ *£15.49*

A DISC devoted to the orchestral works of Puccini, Catalani and Ponchielli — composers known for their operas — may seem a touch perverse. The booklet essay, entitled "The Italian Symphony Tradition in the 19th Century", valiantly attempts to assure us that such a tradition existed. While it seems unlikely that such works as these will ever be considered on a par with the great operas, there is nevertheless much to enjoy on this disc.

From Ponchielli (composer of *La Gioconda*) comes a gravely beautiful Elegia that expands to unexpectedly large-scale expression. The *Contemplazione* of Catalani (*La Wally*) also reaches a grandiloquent climax somewhat at odds with the title, but undeniably stirring. Two of the works by Puccini, the *Preludio Sinfonico* and the *Capriccio Sinfonico*, date from his student days; the third is an Intermezzo from his first stage work, *Le Villi*. Lyricism and grand emotion are combined in Riccardo Muti's sympathetic accounts.

★ *Worth hearing*
★★ *Worth considering*
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A rhapsody in situ

JAZZ: Clive Davis previews Jack Gibbons's piano tribute to Gershwin

Only a year ago our thoughts turned to the 60th anniversary of George Gershwin's death. September brings a happier occasion, the centenary of his birth.

The celebrations take many forms, from a new biography by Rodney Greenberg — published in Phaidon's *20th Century Composers* series — to New York singer Susannah McCorkle's songbook album *Someone To Watch Over Me*. Not to be outdone, Herbie Hancock, the jazz pianist, will have his unorthodox say in the autumn on *Gershwin's World*, an all-star vehicle for the likes of Stevie Wonder, Joni Mitchell and Kathleen Battle.

Closer to home, two other facets of Gershwin's repertoire — high art and sweet and low-down — are on display this week. Richard Rodney Bennett and the suave New York singer Mary Cleere Haran sing the standards as part of their three-week cabaret season at Pizza on the Park, which ends on August 1.

Today it is the turn of Gershwin the keyboard virtuoso when Jack Gibbons, the English pianist, gives a three-part recital at the Queen Elizabeth Hall. From the opening rendition of *Swanee* to extracts from *Porgy and Bess* and the solo version of *Rhapsody in Blue*, it promises to be a long and eventful journey through a short but crowded life.

Gibbons's all-Gershwin programmes have become a familiar part of the South Bank calendar over the past eight years. As he cheerfully admits: "People think I can't do anything else." For the record, he is a seasoned classical player whose repertoire includes Bach, Chopin and Alkan, the daunting 19th-century composer.

Gershwin came almost as an afterthought. Gibbons originally played the songs at parties. But the more time he devoted to his transcriptions, the more fascinated he became. His 1990 Gershwin recital struck a chord with audiences, and was followed by four volumes of solo recordings, *The Authentic George Gershwin*, for the ASV label.

Though the fourth disc carried the story through the composer's tragic last months, Gibbons actually has more material in reserve. His enthusiasm for his subject also bubbles over into lectures and asides during his concerts.

The chat can be obtrusive when Gibbons is performing a piece as formal as, say, Bach's *Goldberg Variations*. But with a figure as worldly as the composer of *Let's Call The Whole Thing Off*, the spoken element seems natural.

"It is difficult to strike the right tone," Gibbons agrees. "I remember being criticised for making jokes in my Alkan concert at the South Bank. I felt that was a way of helping the audience to relax. Besides, if you can make them laugh, you can make them cry."

Greenberg's book quotes musicologist Hans Keller's view of Gershwin as "a major master of minor forms". If other members of the classical fraternity were slower to respond (the Glyndebourne staging of *Porgy and Bess* was a turning point) jazz musicians have long appreciated the harmonic possibilities of the show tunes.

So much so that Gibbons occasionally finds that audience members come along expecting to hear Keith Jarrett-style performances rather than meticulously executed transcriptions. Art Tatum and his descendants have reshaped our expectations.

Gibbons does not seem interested in wandering further into the semi-popular field. Gershwin's best-selling contemporary Billy Mayerl, for instance holds no attractions.

"I find his music trivial," says Gibbons. "Gershwin was so different from other musicians of his period. I really think that he and Chopin have much more in common. It's not such a strange comparison when you realise they shared the same love of dissonant harmonies."

● *Jack Gibbons Plays Gershwin is at the QEH (0171-960 4242) tonight at 7pm. Jack Gibbons performs Rhapsody in Blue with the BBC Concert Orchestra at Castle Ward, County Down on Saturday*



■ FILM
Godzilla doesn't thrill

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■ FILM
Toddlers will love *Barney*

NEW MOVIES: Geoff Brown gazes into the cold, pitiless eyes of *Godzilla* — and sees the frightening future of cinema

Beware the coming of the Ice Age

Godzilla
Empire, PG, 138 mins
Does Godzilla threaten cinema itself?

Barney's Great Adventure
Nationwide, U, 72 mins
Safe fare for the very young at heart

Life Is All You Get
Metro, 18, 118 mins
Freewheeling German delight

The Thief
Renoir, 15, 97 mins
Growing up in the Stalinist 1950s

Wednesday 19-7-1961
ICA Cinema, 90 mins
Fascinating Russian documentary

The Little Mermaid
Warner West End
U, 82 mins
Disney's animated fairy tale twinkles again



Causing mayhem: among Hollywood blockbusters *Godzilla* truly is a monster, an astoundingly crass and brutal factory product that tramples over the audience's hearts and minds

I am sitting in the Empire cinema in Leicester Square, and have been for nearly two hours. A giant lizard with no personality, rumoured in the press notes to be 180ft high and 399ft long, has been trashing Manhattan in the rain for a good while, and has now laid 200 eggs in Madison Square Garden. The soundtrack hits a new peak in decibels. The dialogue is stupid, the characters not much brighter, and dramatic subtleties non-existent. The images are ugly, the screen's colour scheme nothing but black, except when a commercial trademark is required for a product placement spot. Battered almost senseless, I just about manage to grip my pen and write in my notebook: "This is the death of cinema."

I exaggerate, of course. But not by much. For among Hollywood blockbusters **Godzilla** truly is a monster, an astoundingly crass and brutal factory product that tramples over the audience's hearts and minds, just like the lizard itself, leaving nothing but rubble and corpses. A popcorn-muncher like *Godzilla* is supposed, above all, to be fun. This one is anything but.

How did such a celluloid calamity come about? Fate, fashion and misjudgment all played their part. Given the colossal rise in digital effects, it was inevitable that some film would come along with every byte of humanity squeezed out by cold computer wizardry. It was inevitable, too, that the film-makers' urge to top the last blockbuster's thrills would produce a movie so tunnel-visioned that there would be nothing left but crushed cars, toppled buildings and people flattened to a crisp. Roland Emmerich, the film's director, had his own *Independence Day* to beat, not to mention the galloping raptors of *Jurassic Park*. *Godzilla* needed to be bigger and louder, with more thrills per second, than any other movie: as the ad campaign says, "Size does matter", especially in Hollywood.

Even so, *Godzilla* might still have retained some brains and poise had not other miscalculations been made. Let's start with the film's lead character, a surly product of genetic mutation after too many nuclear tests in the Pacific. First created by Japan's Toho Company in 1954, Godzilla has long been a joke among movie monsters, the lumbering star of cheesy films, dreadfully dubbed, good for a late-night laugh, but scarcely to be treasured like *King Kong*. The scale of the monster's Hollywood debut makes camp charm impossible; in Emmerich's hands Godzilla loses all individual character and becomes just an excuse for carnage. At first we see it in snatches: a footprint here, a thrashing tail there, a bulge in the water attached to a fisherman's rod. But once the pieces are put together, and glimpsed through the maddening rain, it looks ordinary: the usual knobs, scales and claws.

The human beings up on the screen are not much better. You jostle through the drab images fighting to find someone to identify with. Matthew Broderick's nuclear scientist? Too fey. Jean Reno's French secret agent? Too mysterious. Maria Pitillo's ambitious TV reporter, or her cameraman Hank Azaria? Too idiotic. Not that anyone's dialogue helps. The script is expert at stating the obvious: when the task force assembles a mountain of fish to help to trap the hungry monster, Broderick observes: "That's a lot of fish." Gee whiz, I guess it is.

Maybe *Godzilla* is not quite the death of cinema. Box-office takings in America have been healthy, but not quite what was anticipated. Hype alone cannot sell a film: the product itself needs to be good, and this one is ugly, cold, over-derivative, and only entertaining if you abandon your soul.

Another big fella is out and about this week: a purple dinosaur called Barney, always ready with a chortle, a song and good advice about crossing the road carefully. In some ways **Barney's Great Adventure**, the movie debut of the pre-school sensation, is a paltry film. But after *Godzilla* it seems the sweetest experience on Earth. After that epic of darkness, lovable Grandma and Grandpa's farm offers nothing but blue skies. Grandchildren come for a visit, including a nine-year-old cynic who cannot believe that his sister's stuffed dinosaur toy has come to life and is burbling around the yard. Yet even he is won over by Barney's good cheer and fetching rendition of *Old Macdonald Had a Farm*; by the end he hugs the purple giant (played by a man in a furry suit), tears in his eyes.

The drama, it is true, is on the wispy side: something about a magic egg dumped by a passing comet, and the ability to make dreams come true. The children, led by Diana Rice and Trevor Morgan, are the usual processed American horrors. The whole thing is another advert, for Barney merchandise, aimed at three-year-olds. But there is nothing about Steve Gomer's film to deserve the reaction of some of my colleagues. After a handful of scenes, grown men were actually running from the preview theatre. You sit still for the horrid Godzilla and run from Barney? There's definitely something wrong with the world.

For audiences with more sophisticated minds, **Life Is All You Get** is particularly precious, for it seems such a miracle. It is German; it is fleet-footed, and genuinely funny. How can this be? One reason is the skill of its director, Wolfgang Becker, who has his ear close to the ground, and roots this dramatic comedy in the daily life of Berlin. But his characters could also be in any large city, scraping a living, conniving, dreaming for the best, fearing the worst.

Jürgen Vogel and Christiane Paul play the pleasant leads, thrown together during a street disturbance. Romance blooms: they flit through the city, stealing a night's sleep at first-class hotels, or gatecrashing the buffet at the Fourth International Pain Convention. Nothing is permanent in this restless city: Vogel's father is found dead at home, his head in a plate of ravioli; there is also the spectre of Aids. Becker darts between moods with quicksilver ease: one thinks of Czech cinema in the 1960s, or the French New Wave.

If this ointment has any fly it is Ricky Tomlinson, cast as Vogel's slaughterhouse colleague and room-mate. You grow accustomed to his dubbed German voice, although for British viewers the film's reality level inevitably wobbles whenever he appears.

More absorbing foreign fare is on offer in **The Thief**, a semi-comic Russian drama by Pavel Chukhrai about a young boy's life in the 1950s with his single mother and a substitute father, a charming thief posing as a soldier. Chukhrai himself was a child at the time, and he recalls the era's hopes, injustices and survival tactics with a good mix of social observation and human drama. The dishevelled ending is unfortunate, for it stops a decent film being an outstanding one; but acting throughout is exemplary, with no cute antics from the child, and plenty of roguish charm from the thief (Vladimir Mashkov).

Russian fanciers should also take note of **Wednesday 19-7-1961**, a fascinating social portrait by Victor Kossakovsky, who tracked down 70 St Petersburg residents sharing his birthday and let them spill their lives before the camera. And families should note that the Disney cartoon **The Little Mermaid**, now nine years old, is out and about, ready to aggravate animation buffs by its synthetic mixture of styles, and equally ready to enchant little girls with its all-twinkling mermaid, Ariel, and the world's first Prince Charming to be called Eric.

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Carl Clark, 19: A very strong contender for worst film of the year. Don't bother wasting your money.
Charlotte Dailey, 19: A terrible mess of a movie. Even the special effects are a disappointment.
Alison Juliard, 19: You will be bored stupid. The film-makers could learn a great deal from Spielberg.

■ *LITTLE MERMAID*
Leslie: If you haven't seen it before, go. If you have, you'll want to see it again. It's a joy.
Carl: A very welcome return. The animation is really eye-popping.
Charlotte: Disney doesn't get any better than this. Perfect entertainment for children and adults alike.
Alison: No aspect disappoints — the songs, animation and story are enchanting.

■ *LIFE IS ALL YOU GET*
Leslie: This touching German film is worth a thousand *Godzillas*.
Carl: Not exactly a barrel of laughs but a moving film.

SNAP VERDICT

Charlotte: If Germany has films of this quality to offer us we should definitely have access to more. A stunner.
Alison: An interesting representation of the times in which we live. The German cast is excellent.

Frenetic Faust for the fast age

NEW ON VIDEO

■ **DEVIL'S ADVOCATE**
Warner, 18, 1997
KEANU REEVES is the title character, a cocky defence lawyer lured to New York by the promise of big bucks. But he can make little headway against Al Pacino's fireworks display as the law firm's head, John Milton by name, who can talk all languages, pull many faces, and make a church font sizzle. Taylor Hackford's lavish variation on the Faust story is low on taste but high on satanic special effects and over-acting. Leave your brain in the kitchen, and get your eyeballs zapped. Available to rent.

■ **THE JACKAL**
CIC, 18, 1997
YOU don't mess with Bruce Willis, least of all in this updated reworking of the 1973 film *The Day of the Jackal*. His ice-cold hired killer always eludes capture, much to the annoyance of FBI chief Sidney Poitier and IRA operative Richard Gere (bizarre casting). In Forsyth's novel, De Gaulle was the target; now it is someone big in the White House. Several set-pieces should set pulses racing. A rental release.

■ **MALCOLM**
Blue Dolphin, 15, 1986
FIRST video release for this droll Australian comedy of the Ealing kind, which bounces its jokes off oddball characters — like Malcolm himself, played by Colin Friels, a slow-witted inventor of ingenious gadgets who gets sucked into crime. The script could benefit from a few nips and tucks, but the engaging players and the infectious score are always on hand. Directed by Nadia Tass.



One hell of a performance: Al Pacino and Keanu Reeves indulge their satanic instincts in *The Devil's Advocate*

■ **SERGEANT YORK**
Warner, U, 1941
GARY COOPER's part as the real-life hillbilly farmer who starts the First World War as a pacifist and ends wearing a chestful of medals suits him admirably, though director Howard Hawks, usually so spontaneous, seems ill at ease with the film's heroic postures. But the studio technicians never falter: battles rage to Max Steiner's soaring music, and cameraman Sol Polito lights the skies like a magician.

■ **THREEPENNY OPERA**
BFI, PG, 1931
G. W. PABST's film was made in different language versions; this wonderful release contains both French and German editions. The casts are different: the pace is different: but in both Andrej Andrejew's amazing sets of London stun the eyes. The leanness of Brecht and Weill's stage production has gone, but most of the bite and the music remain.

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RECOMMENDED TODAY

Guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargie

LONDON

CLOSER THAN EVER: The Richard Maltby/David Shire musical, set in a New York subway train, and mostly satirical. With Helen Hobson and Beverley Klein. Matthew White directs.
Jermyn Street, SW1 (0171-287 2875). Previews from tonight, 8pm.

THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER: The famous Chicago-based Steppenwolf Company brings the classic Kaufmann and Hart comedy to London for 12 performances. With John *(Frasier)* Mahoney as the dinner guest who won't leave.
Barbican (0171-638 8891). Opens tonight, 7pm. Until July 25. S

THE TEMPEST: The City of London Festival comes to a spectacular close with a concert performance of Shakespeare's magical drama presented in the form of a courtly "masque". Henry Purcell's music is played by The Musicians of the Globe conducted by Philip Pickett.
Guildhall Great Hall, EC2. Festival Box Office: (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.30pm.

PIANO CLASSICS: The multiple prize-winning pianist Anthony Hewitt gives a recital containing an assortment of music by such diverse composers as Haydn, Janáček, Schumann, Liebermann and Chopin.
Wigmore Hall (0171-935 2141). Tonight, 7.30pm. S



Pianist Anthony Hewitt plays Haydn at the Wigmore

ELSEWHERE

BUSHEY: Hailed as one of Russia's cultural treasures the St Petersburg String Quartet continues its tour of Britain with a Bushey Festival visit of all-Russian music.
Festival Box Office: (01923 220 272)

BUXTON: The curtain goes up on this year's festival with a performance of *La finta semplice*, Mozart's first opera, written when he was 12 years old. A strong cast features Jane Kelly, Jonathan Best and Paul Nilon. Aidan Lang directs.
Opera House (01298 72190). Tonight, 7.30pm.

CHELTENHAM: The celebrations of Janáček's music continues as the Joyful Company of Singers performs the composer's setting of the Lord's Prayer framed by rarely-performed works by Liszt.
Cheltenham College Chapel. Festival Box Office: (01242 227 979). Tonight, 7.30pm.

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Jeremy Kingston's choice of theatre showing in London

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☐ **RICHARD III:** Oddbodies return with their two-person version of Shakespeare, part text, part live rock drumming.
Lyric Studio, W6 (0181-741 8701/2311). Until August 1. S

☐ ***AFTER DARWIN:*** Timberlake Wertenbaker's absorbing latest: Lindsay Posner directs Jason Watkins as Darwin and Michael Feast as Captain Fitzroyof the Beagle.
Hampstead, NW3 (0171-722 9301)

■ **OKLAHOMA!** The well-known musical stars Josefina Gabrielle, Hugh Jackman and Maureen Lipman as Aunt Eller. Trevor Nunn directs.
National (Olivier) (0171-452 3000).

☐ **WHAT YOU GET AND WHAT YOU EXPECT:** British premiere of celebrated French satire by Jean-Marie Besset, where two architects compete to build the first monument on the moon. See review, right.
Lyric, W6 (0181-741 2311).

■ **WHISTLE DOWN THE WIND:** Lloyd-Webber's surprisingly disappointing new musical, relocated to America's Bible Belt. Stars Marcus Lovett and Lottie Mayor. Gale Edwards directs.
Aldwych, (0171-416 6003).

☐ **DOCTOR DOLITTLE:** Phillip Schofield plays the man who can talk to animals (including pushmipulyus) in the Leslie Bricusse musical. Steven Pimlott directs.
Labatt's Apollo, W6 (0171-416 6045).

☐ **THE GLASS MENAGERIE:** Hildegard Neil plays the smothering mother, with Mark Burgess and Phillipa Peak as the smothered children, in Brian Blessed's touring production.
BAC (Main House), SW11 (0171-223 2223).

☐ **SHAKESPEARE'S VILLAINS:** Steven Berkoff's one-man show of many villains.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800)

FILMS ON GENERAL RELEASE

Geoff Brown's choice of the best movies

NEW RELEASES

GURU IN SEVEN (18): Can Sanjay bed seven women in seven days? Low-budget British film with satirical intentions, but not enough style to make its points well. With Nitin Chandra Ganatra. Director, Shani Grewal.

KISS OR KILL (18): Fresh Australian treatment of the old story about the outlaw couple on the run, full of unexpected humour and sharp characterisations. Bill Bennett directs Matt Dey and Frances O'Connor.

MAD CITY (15): Broadly enjoyable, old-fashioned tale about media manipulation, with Dustin Hoffman and John Travolta. Director, Costa-Gavras.

MOJO (15): Thugs and rock'n'roll in late 1950s Soho. Small beer for cinemas, though Jez Butterworth's film of his own stage hit boasts fine performances from Ian Hart, Ewan Bremner and Harold Pinter.

SLING BLADE (15): Powerful portrait of a mentally deficient man trying to blend into ordinary life after 20 years behind bars for killing his mother. Rivetting performance by Billy Bob Thornton, who also directs.

TOUCH (15): Uncertain version of Elmore Leonard's novel about a man with the healing gift, preyed upon by others. A good cast, though: Skeets Ulrich, Bridget Fonda, Christopher Walken. Paul Schrader directs.

CURRENT

GREASE (PG): John Travolta struts again at Rydell High in this revival of the 1978 movie based on the stage success. Not quite a golden oldie, but good fun for pop culture vultures. With Olivia Newton-John. Director, Randal Kleiser.

KURT & COURTNEY (15): Contentious documentary by Nick Broomfield exploring the lives of rock star Kurt Cobain and his feisty widow Courtney Love.

LOVE & DEATH ON LONG ISLAND (15): Reclusive writer (John Hurt) falls for American teen movie hunk (Jason Priestley). Sophisticated comedy that grows thin. Director, Richard Kwietniowski.

THE OBJECT OF MY AFFECTION (15): Jennifer Aniston hopes her gay room-mate will help bring up her baby. Decent and traditional romantic comedy with a few extra trimmings. With Paul Rudd, Nigel Hawthorne. .

POINT BLANK (15): Lee Marvin's criminal stalks past associates like an avenging angel. Welcome revival of John Boorman's cool, stylish thriller

Someone fetch a doctor

THEATRE



DONALD COOPER

Never work with animals: Bryan Smythe, Peter Gallagher, Darien Smith and Sarah Jane Hassell in Dr Dolittle

When I tell my more jaundiced friends that New York currently offers nothing more wonderfully imaginative than Disney's adaptation of its own *Lion King*, they get that fetch-a-straitjacket look in their yellowing eyes. But then they have not seen those sculpted giraffes on spindly crutches, those Heath Robinson trikes tricked out with leaping antelopes, those dancing silhouettes. Although the stage version of the movie of *Dr Dolittle* contains nothing stronger than the animal effects created for it by Jim Henson's Creature Shop, even there it does not begin to match the Broadway show for inventiveness and wonder.

Still, let's enjoy the Henson animatronics for what they are, not what they aren't. There is a nice dream sequence in which the omnilinguist vet's cute furred, feathered and finned pals are replaced by hippos in fezzes and baggy Turkish trousers and majestic lady elephants wearing breastplates. Once he reaches his destination, a South Sea island ruled by an Old Harrovian in a lacy white skirt, he meets a large silvery turtle, some plodding, blinking mammoths, beaky griffins and a sea-dragon chewing bubble-gum. But only when the Great Pink Sea-Snail appears, and turns out to be a vast, sweaty blob vaguely reminiscent of Norman Lamont, do you feel that the visual challenge has been fully accepted.

Don't look to the story for compensation, at least if your mental age is higher than ten or so. We spend an awful lot of time being introduced to Dolittle, in Phillip Schofield's performance a jaunty innocent who bumbles about his book-tiered study curing fox cubs of flat feet, talking to goldfish and gamely rhyming rhinoceros with ofcourseros and hippopotamus with whynoteros. Then he raises money for his world travels by selling a Siamese-twin llama to a circus, only to get in trouble with the law when he rescues a seal from captivity, disguises her as a granny and, singing "When I look into your eyes, I see the wisdom of the world", chucks her into the Bristol Channel.

That is not the only unintentionally preposterous moment in the show. Others involve the shy doctor's burgeoning love for Sarah Jane Hassell's genteel Emma Fairfax, who loses her clothes in a shipwreck and wanders round the Harrovian's kingdom in her Victorian undies. Steven Pimlott, our director, should have known better than have the two of them sing a touching song against the background of the huge, palpitating Lamont-beast. But it does not make much difference, for Leslie Bricusse's score is no better when it is relentlessly bland than when it is relentlessly bouncy.

It all ends with Schofield flying in by giant moth to better his persecutors, who are, naturally, raging foxhunters led by Emma's corrupt uncle. Thus do animal lib and animal love — "we neglect them, reject them, do nothing to protect them"—conquer the meat-eating classes. By that time it is, apparently, the 200th birthday of the yellow-green parrot Polynesia, from whose beak emerge the cut-glass tones of our very own Julie Andrews. Yes, it was nice to hear her; but I would have found it nicer if I hadn't felt I had aged roughly 200 years in the course of the evening.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

● *This review appeared in later editions of* The Times *yesterday*

France scores again



After all the pictures of World Cup footballers hugging, howling, kicking and squealing, the one truly memorable image is likely to be President Chirac's marvellously unrestrained joy at his team's success. Contemporary French theatre presents a contrasting view of national behaviour, at least if we are to judge by those plays that manage to cross the Channel.

Few do. But with Yasmina Reza's *Art* and *The Unexpected Man* currently in the West End, and now the first appearance here of a play by Jean-Marie Besset, a formal gravity does seem to be the style that Parisian playwrights favour. Besset's thirtysomething characters move suavely through the corridors of government power but even in their domestic lives they preserve the niceties of precise grammar and rigorous analysis. The ensuing contests between revelation and decorum are fascinating to witness.

Two architects are competing to build the first monument on the moon; one of them is honest but prickly, the other a reckless networker currently helping to satisfy the demands of a political supremo whose sexual appetites rival those of Catherine the Great. The heterosexual interest is balanced by a long-dormant relationship between the decent architect and a former schoolfriend, now an influential delegate from Brussels, whose bisexual lover goes to bed with the architect's wife.

One of the intriguing features of this tense, witty play is that the bones of the plot are close to the stock in trade of any writer of boulevard melodrama. Unsuspected but credible revelations, last-minute denouements, characters concealing themselves in the kitchen when unexpected visitors ring the doorbell — Besset uses all these useful hinges of suspense to point to the awkward rub between different elements of desire.

Thierry Harcourt's fine direction for Ideal Theatre Company draws hauntingly exact performances from his cast of six, in scenes that move from antechamber to apartment to office and back again. The smart seating in Tim Shortall's set remains unchanged beneath a truly astonishing *trompe l'oeil* dome.

The moments when the characters choose to smile (Eva Pope's watchful wife, for example) are worth a study in themselves. The upright mating between Jessica Turner and Simon Dutton may bring shudders of sympathetic dismay to male members of the audience, while Alex McSweeney, restricting his conversation to something quite different, shares a remarkably delicate re-seduction scene with Dominic Taylor. The play imparts the sense that lives are moved by forces mostly unseen, and the suspense lasts up to the very last line.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Deathly drama

CONCERTS

Verdi would have loved it. Quite what that avowed anti-clericalist would have made of the introductory prayer to this St Paul's Cathedral performance of his *Requiem* I'm not so sure. But as for the whispers of fear circling the gallery, and the single cry of a child during the last, hushed plea for rest and light, well, Verdi would surely have relished every detail.

And at the heart of this City of London Festival evening resonated a performance of shrewd judgement and considerable daring from the **Monteverdi Choir** and the **Orchestre Revolutionnaire et Romantique**, conducted by **John Eliot Gardiner**. Gardiner insisted on using wind instruments which were the latest models in Verdi's day, but which have since been superseded. And the agility of these earlier pipes certainly revealed the virtuosity of Verdi's fast chromatic writing. A fierce terror shuddered through the *Dies Irae*, with its horns from hell.

But the true distinction of the performance lay in the skill with which Gardiner played voices, instruments and acoustic against each other. Sometimes the mighty resonance was exploited for dramatic effect. At other times it was challenged and miraculously conquered: the *Sanctus* became a scintillating dance.

And then the soloists. When Lynne Dawson (stepping in, thrillingly, for an indisposed Luba Orgonasova) and Bernarda Fink sang their *Quaerens me* and their *Agnus Dei* together, it was as if a single breath had been parted in two. And when, in the *Lacrymosa*, they were joined by the Italianate tenor of Antonello Palombi and the stalwart bass of Alastair Miles, a rare equipoise of intonation and timbre made this plea for rest eternal epitomise the unique eloquence of the performance as a whole.

HILARY FINCH

Ancient tongues

One way of bypassing a block — worried composers will be delighted to learn — is to discover an almost dead language spoken by no more than a few hundred people. But hurry, there are not many left. Brian Elias found his in Salento, in southern Italy, where the inhabitants of just seven villages speak Grico, a language originating in the Ancient Greek colonisation of the area.

On the printed page Grico looks like a clever simulation of a hybrid language. In Elias's settings, however, it has an authentic sound and it has inspired a musical idiom which, in its ululating chromaticism and its suggestions of ancient modes, seems very appropriate to those song texts he has chosen. His *Lamments* for mezzo soprano, small chorus and orchestra (premiered last weekend at the Cheltenham Festival) are based exclusively on traditional mourning material — which, it is true, does not make for cheerful music. But it is not depressing either.

The problem, insofar as there is one, is that the mood of *Laments* is too much alike for most of the three movements. It is only towards the end that the atmosphere gets lighter. On the other hand, the integrity of the work, determined by the customary process of grieving, demands that kind of structure. Besides, the textures are well varied in Elias's scoring. It was unfortunate that the mezzo originally engaged for the solo role was indisposed, but Deborah Miles Johnson sang very adequately at short notice and **Tadaaki Otaka** conducted the **BBC Symphony Orchestra** in what was clearly a well-prepared premiere.

Quite why Sibelius's triumphant *Karelia Suite* was chosen to precede *Laments* is difficult to imagine. It was more characteristic of Cheltenham Festival planning to close the concert with Tchaikovsky's *Pathétique Symphony*, which is similarly preoccupied with death.

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Catholic contractors were denied right of access to court

Tinnelly and Sons Ltd and Others and McElduff and Others v United Kingdom
(Case No 62/1997/784/1052-1053)
Before R. Bernhardt, President and Judges A. Spielmann, J. De Meyer, E. Palm, Sir John Freeland, M. A. Lopes Rocha, K. Jungwiert, E. Levits and T. Pantiru
Registrar H. Petzold
Deputy Registrar P.J. Mahoney
[Judgment July 10]

The European Court of Human Rights held unanimously that there had been a violation of article 6.1 of the European Convention on Human Rights in that the applicants' right of access to a court had been denied.

The Court also held that it was not necessary to consider the applicants' complaints under the same provision in conjunction with article 14 of the Convention or under article 8 taken separately or in conjunction with article 13.

Article 6 of the Convention provides:

"1 In the determination of his civil rights and obligations ... everyone is entitled to a fair and public hearing ... by an independent and impartial tribunal established by law."

John Tinnelly and Sons Ltd was a limited company based in Northern Ireland. Patrick and Gerard Tinnelly were respectively the managing director and company secretary of the firm. The remaining applicants: Kevin, Michael, Paddy and Barry McElduff, were self-employed joiners all based in Northern Ireland. The individual applicants were all Roman Catholics.

Tinnelly

In March 1985 the Tinnelly firm tendered for a contract with Northern Ireland Electricity Services ("NIE") which included demolition work at a power station at Ballylumford. Its tender was the most financially favourable to NIE and was initially approved by the NIE Executive.

In June 1985, however, NIE decided to award the Ballylumford contract to the second best tenderer. Tinnelly was not informed of the reasons for that decision. It lodged a complaint with the Fair Employment Agency for Northern Ireland ("FEA"), contending that it had been the victim of unlawful discrimination on the ground of religious belief and political opinion.

In correspondence, NIE informed FEA that they had selected the contractor with a proven record of safely dismantling power stations. The FEA, however, decided to investigate the applicant's claim that the choice of tender had been influenced by sectarian trade union pressure.

On October 28, 1987, at NIE's request, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland issued a certificate under section 42 of the Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Act 1976, to the effect that the decision not to grant the contract in question to Tinnelly was "an act done for the purpose of safeguarding national security or the protection of public safety or order".

Section 42(2) of the 1976 Act provided that such a certificate was conclusive evidence that the act referred to was done for the purpose stated, and was thus exempt from the anti-discrimination rules contained elsewhere in the 1976 Act.

The FEA brought an application for judicial review of the section 42 certificate contending, inter alia, that the certificate had been procured and issued in bad faith, unfairly, irrationally and on the basis of irrelevant considerations.

In the course of interlocutory proceedings, before Mr Justice Nicholson, Tinnelly requested discovery of a number of documents in the possession of NIE. The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, at the request of NIE, issued a public interest immunity certificate preventing the discovery of the documents.

Mr Justice Nicholson inspected the documents and accepted the claim for immunity in respect of those documents which related to confidential record checks carried out by the Royal Ulster Constabulary on Tinnelly and its employees but ordered that a number of internal NIE documents of no concern to national security be produced.

The judicial review application was dismissed on December 3, 1991, when Mr Justice McCollum found, inter alia, that NIE had rejected the applicant's tender because of security information provided to it by the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Thus, although NIE had acted wrongly towards the FEA in disguising the reasons for its decision, the section 42 certificate had not been issued improperly.

The McElduffs

In May 1990 the McElduffs submitted a tender for a subcontract to work on premises being built for the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland. Their tender was initially accepted, but was subsequently rejected after they were refused security clearance by the security branch of the Department of Finance and Personnel, a Government department in Northern Ireland, which had based its decision on information supplied by the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

The applicants sought the assistance of the Fair Employment Commission ("FEC") which had replaced the FEA and complained to the Fair Employment Tribunal.

On February 6, 1992, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland issued a section 42 certificate to the effect that the decision to refuse the applicants access to the building site was taken for the purpose of safeguarding national security. The applicants were advised that the effect of the certificate was to prevent the tribunal from determining the complaint in their favour, and they therefore withdrew it.

In their applications to the European Commission of Human Rights, which were lodged on May 27, (Tinnelly) and August 26, (the McElduffs)1992 and subsequently joined, the applicants complained that the decision to issue section 42 certificates deprived them of their rights of access to a court, contrary to article 6.1 of the Convention; interfered with their rights to respect for their private lives, contrary to article 8 of the Convention; deprived them of effective safeguards for the protection of their reputations, contrary to articles 8 and 13 taken together; and amounted to discrimination in breach of articles 6 and 14 taken together.

The applications were declared admissible on 20 May 1996. Having attempted unsuccessfully to secure a friendly settlement, the Commission adopted a report on April 8, 1997 in which it established the facts and expressed the unanimous opinion that:

(i) there had been a violation of article 6 of the Convention;

(ii) that it was not necessary to determine whether there had been a violation of article 8;

(iii) that it was not necessary to determine whether there had been a violation of article 13 taken together with article 8; and

(iv) that it was not necessary to determine whether there had been a violation of article 14 taken together with article 6.

It referred the case to the Court on July 9, 1997.

In its judgment, the European Court of Human Rights held:

I Alleged violation of article 6.1

The applicants complained that the issue of conclusive certificates by the secretary of state under section 42 of the 1976 Act blocked their access to a court for a determination on their claims that they had been unlawfully refused the public works contracts at issue on account of their religious beliefs or political opinions.

A Applicability

The Court rejected the Government's contention that the applicants could not rely on article 6.1 of the Convention.

In its view, the 1976 and 1989 Acts guaranteed the applicants the right not to be discriminated against on the ground of religious belief or political opinion in the job market.

That right was of a pecuniary nature since the county court in the case of Tinnelly and the Fair Employment Tribunal in the case of the McElduffs were empowered under the respective Acts to award them compensation if they established that they were victims of unlawful discrimination.

Furthermore, it could not be maintained that section 42(1) of the 1976 Act operated so as to disapply the substantive right guaranteed under the fair employment legislation.

The Court considered in that respect that the issue of whether or not an act was done for the purposes of the protection of national security or was an act of unlawful discrimination was one which could properly be submitted to a court or tribunal for determination.

B Compliance

The Court noted that the effect of the section 42 certificates was to prevent the Fair Employment Agency in the case of Tinnelly and the Fair Employment Tribunal in the case of the McElduffs from scrutinising the factual basis for the procurement and issue of the certificates.

The Fair Employment Agency had to have Tinnelly's complaint moved to the Northern Ireland High Court to seek judicial review of the secretary of state's decision to issue the certificate.

However, the proceedings before the High Court never gave rise to a full scrutiny of the factual basis of the secretary of state's certificate affirming that NIE's decision to refuse Tinnelly the Ballyhumford contract was an act done for the safeguarding of national security.

Mr Justice McCollum felt himself unable to go behind the terms of the certificate in order to verify whether grounds in fact existed for considering Tinnelly a security risk or whether NIE's decision was in any way influenced by its concern to appease the unions at Ballylumford. His hands were tied by the conclusive nature of the certificate.

The Court also noted that any substantive review of the grounds motivating the issue of the certificate would have been impaired in any event on account of the fact that Mr Justice McCollum did not have sight of all the materials on which the secretary of state had based his decision.

It recalled in that respect that Mr Justice Nicholson in the discovery proceedings had ordered that certain documents in the possession of NIE should not be disclosed.

The Court acknowledged the security considerations at stake and the need of the authorities to display the utmost vigilance in the award of contracts for work involving access to vital power supplies or public buildings situated in town centres in Northern Ireland.

However, the Court considered that the conclusive nature of the certificates had a disproportionate effect on the applicants' right of access to a court to have a judicial determination on the merits of their complaints that they were victims of unlawful discrimination.

It emphasised in that respect that the right to a court guaranteed by article 6.1 of the Convention could not be displaced by the ipse dixit of the executive even if national security considerations constitute a highly material aspect of the case.

In other contexts it had been found possible to modify judicial procedures in such a way as to safeguard national security concerns about the nature and sources of intelligence information and yet accord the individual a substantial degree of procedural justice.

Before the Court, the Government had not adduced any convincing arguments to show why, for example, the procedures under the fair employment legislation could not be modified in a way which accommodated both the applicants' interests and the interests of protecting national security.

In the Court's opinion, such a modified procedure or the introduction of other special procedures could only serve to enhance public confidence in the administration of justice.

For the above reasons, the Court concluded that the issue by the secretary of state of section 42 certificates constituted a disproportionate restriction on the applicants' right of access to a court or tribunal.

II Alleged violations of article 6.1 in conjunction with article 14 and of article 8 taken alone or in conjunction with article 13.

The Court considered that it was not necessary to determine whether there had been a violation of any of the above articles having regard to its conclusion that there had been a breach of article 6.1.

III Application of article 50

The Court awarded Tinnelly £15,000 and the McElduffs £10,000 to compensate for their loss of opportunity to have an adjudication on the merits of their complaints at the domestic level. It also awarded the expenses claimed by Mr Patrick Tinnelly and Mr Gerard Tinnelly.

'Sex' means same in two directives

Regina v Secretary of State for Defence Ex parte Perkins
Before Mr Justice Lightman
[Judgment July 1]

A ruling by the Court of Justice of the European Communities on equal pay (Council Directive 75/117/EEC (OJ 1975 L45/19)) applied also to equal treatment (Council Directive 76/207/EEC (OJ 1976 L39/40).

Thus the ruling in *Grant v South West Trains Ltd* Case C-249/96 (*The Times* February 23, 1998; [1998] ICR 449), inter alia, that discrimination based on sexual orientation did not constitute discrimination based on the sex of the worker contrary to the Equal Pay Directive is decisive of the question as to whether the policy of the Secretary of State for Defence that all persons of known homosexual orientation should be discharged from the armed forces was contrary to article 2(1) of the Equal Treatment Directive.

Mr Justice Lightman, sitting as an additional judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held in a reserved judgment when considering, at the invitation of the Administrator of the European Court of Justice, whether to withdraw the reference made under article 177 of the EC Treaty on whether discrimination based on homosexual orientation was contrary to article 2(1) of the Equal Treatment Directive and whether the policy of discharging from the armed forces any person of homosexual orientation was capable of being justified under article 2(2) of the directive concerning occupational activities for which the sex of the worker constituted a determining factor. The reference was withdrawn.

Mr John Bowers, QC, for the applicant, Terence Perkins; Mr Patrick Elias, QC and Mr J. Richard McManus for the secretary of state.

MR JUSTICE LIGHTMAN said that the European Court in *Grant* had identified three issues which required determination, the third of which was relevant to the instant case, namely whether discrimination based on sexual orientation constituted discrimination based on the sex of the employee.

The European Court had decided that Community law as it stood at present did not cover or render unlawful discrimination based on sexual orientation.

On its face that holding was decisive in the instant case, for it was the alleged illegality under Community law of discrimination on the ground of sexual orientation which was the basis of the applicant's attack on the policy of the secretary of state.

The applicant had contended that that holding was not decisive for a number of reasons:

First, because the answer to the third question was merely obiter and not a necessary part of the European Court's decision.

His Lordship could not agree. The answer to the third question that the word "sex" in the Equal Pay Directive did not extend to sexual orientation, was an essential part of the reasoning of the European Court and was one of the grounds for the decision in *Grant*.

Second, the applicant submitted that *Grant* was a decision on the meaning of the word "sex" in the Equal Pay Directive, and that that was not necessarily decisive of the meaning of the same word in the Equal Treatment Directive.

He argued that the need for protection from discrimination on the ground of sexual orientation was much greater in a case covered by the Equal Treatment Directive. An employee in the applicant's position who had need to invoke the Equal Treatment Directive had more at stake than an employee in the position of Ms Grant who had need to invoke the Equal Pay Directive.

The Equal Treatment Directive was directed at protecting employees against discrimination leading to loss of livelihood; the Equal Pay Directive was merely directed at protecting employees against discrimination leading to loss of remuneration or benefits.

The greater importance of the need for protection under the Equal Treatment Directive was a context justifying the adoption of a wider definition of the word "sex" in that Directive.

The answer to that submission was threefold.

The first was that it had to be reasonably inferred that the same word in two Directives in the field of employment were intended to have the same meaning.

The second was that, far from suggesting that there might be a difference in meaning in the two Directives, the European Court clearly proceeded on the basis that the meaning of the word was the same in both.

The third was that it was inconceivable that the European Court did not appreciate the effect of its decision on the scope of the protection available under the Equal Treatment Directive.

As to the applicant's submission that the European Court was not bound by its previous decisions, his Lordship said that it was always a theoretical possibility in any case which came before it that the European Court would decide to depart from its previous decisions.

But to justify a reference the possibility that the European Court would depart from its previous decision had to be more than theoretical: it had to be a realistic possibility, which in his Lordship's opinion it was not.

The unstated argument underlying the applicant's submissions was that the discrimination in the secretary of state's policy against those of sexual orientation contravened fundamental human rights; that the contravention was more serious than that in issue in *Grant* where the discrimination was on the ground of the existence of a particular ongoing sexual relationship; while in the instant case the discrimination was on the ground of an orientation notwithstanding the absence of any manifestation of such orientation.

Orientation involved a question of degree: it did not need to be black or white; it might involve shades of grey. It was uncertain what degree of orientation attracted the draconian response of dismissal and how that degree was to be measured.

His Lordship had set out his concerns in his previous judgment, but could not allow those considerations to affect the decision on the narrow question now to be considered.

Albeit reluctantly, his Lordship considered himself bound to withdraw the reference in the case.

Solicitors: Bindman & Partners; Treasury Solicitor.

Place of statement vital

Domicrest Ltd v Swiss Bank Corporation
Before Mr Justice Rix
[Judgment July 7]

In cases of negligent misstatement, the place where the harmful event occurred, for the purpose of the Lugano Convention, was where the misstatement was made rather than received.

Mr Justice Rix so held in the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division in a reserved judgment delivered in chambers when deciding that the court did not have jurisdiction over the tortious claim brought by the plaintiff, Domicrest Ltd, against Swiss Bank Corporation.

The Lugano Convention on Jurisdiction and the Enforcement of Judgments in Civil Matters was incorporated into English law by section 3A of the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982, as inserted by section 1(1) of the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1991.

Article 5 of the Convention provides: "A person domiciled in a contracting state may, in another contracting stated be sued ... (3) In matters relating to tort, delict or quasi-delict, in the courts for the place where the harmful event occurred."

Mr Craig Orr for the plaintiff; Mr Graham Dunning for the defendant.

MR JUSTICE RIX said that an English company was suing a Swiss bank for payment under the bank's alleged guarantee of its Swiss customer's obligation to pay for goods. In addition to a contractual claim, an action was brought in tort alleging negligent misrepresentation as to the effect of a payment order.

Domicrest had been informed by an employee of Swiss Bank Corporation that the transmission of a copy payment order to a beneficiary such a Domicrest was an assurance that payment would be made.

It was further stated that a copy payment order would not be sent unless the customer had sufficient funds in its account to meet the necessary payment. Accordingly, it was safe for Domicrest to release goods upon receipt of a payment order.

In October 1995, three copy payment orders sent to Domicrest by Swiss Bank Corporation were not paid. Domicrest alleged that the assurances given were false and misleading and made negligently.

His Lordship stated that he had to decide whether Domicrest's tortious claim fell within article 5(3).

It was clear from the decision in *Handelskwekerij v Mines de Potasse d'Alsace* (Case 21/76) ([1976] ECR 1735) that the expression "the harmful event" referred either to the event giving rise to the damage or the damage itself.

Mr Orr submitted that the place where the event giving rise to the damage occurred was England since it was there that Domicrest received the statements and assurances which Swiss Bank Corporation intended Domicrest to rely upon and which Domicrest did rely on.

Although there was no case in which the European Court had had to consider the application of article 5(3) to a claim based in negligent misstatement, *Minister Investments Ltd v Hyundai Precision and Industry Co Ltd* ([1988] 2 Lloyd's Rep 621) was an English decision on the point.

In that case, Mr Justice Steyn had held that in an action for negligent misstatement it was the reliance on the statement which was the essence of the cause of action and not the historical carelessness which led to the misstatement or the wrong advice. Accordingly, the country were the statement was received was the place where the harmful event occurred.

In his Lordship's judgment, while the reasoning of Mr Justice Steyn was undoubtedly attractive, the decision was questionable in light of the decisions of the European Court in *Dumez France and Tracoba v Hessische Landesbank* (Case C-220/88) ([1990] ECR I-49), *Shevill v Presse Alliance SA* (Case C-68/93) ([1995] ECR I-415) and *Marinari v Lloyd's Bank plc* (Case C-364/93) ([1995] ECR I-2719).

The "substance test" applied by Mr Justice Steyn did not reflect either the wording or the philosophy of the Convention as laid down in those decisions. The convention's philosophy was to proceed by means of firm rules, the rationale of which lay in the importance of connecting factors to various situations, but the outcome of which could lead to a forum which did not conveniently reflect the substance of the dispute.

His Lordship said that the place where the harmful event giving rise to the damage occurred in the case of negligent misstatement was, by analogy with the tort of defamation, where the misstatement originated.

It was there that the negligence, even if not every element of the tort, was likely to take place. For that purpose there was no difference between a written document and an oral or other instantaneous communication.

Although it could be argued that in the case of instantaneous communications and perhaps especially in the case of telephone conversations the misstatement occurred as much where it was heard as where it was spoken, nevertheless, it remained true that it was the representor's negligent speech rather than the hearer's receipt of them which best identified the harmful event which set the tort in motion.

Solicitors: Stephenson Harwood; Holman Fenwick & Willan.

Duty of defendant to alert court

Haiselden v P & O Properties Ltd

Where the plaintiff was a litigant in person and the court had mistakenly set the case down for trial instead of an arbitration, the defendant was under an obligation to draw the attention of the plaintiff and the court to that mistake.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Thorpe and Lord Justice Mantell) so held on May 5 when allowing the appeal of Stephen Haiselden against an order for costs made by Mr Assistant Recorder Wulwik at Lambeth County Court on June 3, 1997.

LORD JUSTICE THORPE said that where a claim was for less than £3,000 it would be automatically referred for arbitration under Order 19, rule 3 of the County Court Rules 1981 without any requirement for administrative or judicial action.

Where a litigant in person pursued an arbitration in order to minimise liability for costs he should not be deprived of that protection unless there was an inter partes determination to rescind the reference to arbitration.

The defendants, who realised the mistake, were obliged to draw it to the attention of the court and the plaintiff, and on learning of the confusion the court should have exercised its discretion to award no costs in accordance with the rules for arbitration.

Error no reason for reopening action

Wain v F. Sherwood and Sons Transport Ltd
Before Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, Lord Justice Thorpe and Lord Justice Chadwick
[Judgment June 1]

Non-actionable adviser error was not capable of constituting a special or exceptional circumstance so as to justify a court in refusing to apply the principle of estoppel laid down in *Henderson v Henderson* ((1843) 3 Hare 100).

The Court of Appeal so held when allowing the appeal of F. Sherwood and Sons Transport Ltd from the decision of Judge Cooke on September 3, 1997 at St Albans County Court when he reversed the decision of District Judge Hewetson Brown who had struck out the plaintiff's claim.

The plaintiff was involved in a road traffic accident in September 1993 when his van was struck from behind by a lorry owned by the defendant. He brought his first action to recover the cost of damage to his van but no claim was made for personal injury.

By the time the first action came to be heard at St Albans County Court in March 1995, the plaintiff was suffering from acute backache which his doctor had attributed to the accident but which the plaintiff had not mentioned to his then instructed solicitors or insurers.

On the day of the trial the plaintiff mentioned his back complaint to his counsel, who advised that the action could be adjourned, but did not advise the plaintiff that if he did not amend the current pleadings to include personal injury any future action for damages might be barred.

The plaintiff was successful in his first action and was awarded £450 damages.

In 1997 the plaintiff brought a second action for damages of £100,000 for the back injury. The defence alleged, inter alia, that the action was barred by cause of action estoppel as the matter had already been adjudicated and brought a preliminary hearing to have the matter struck out as an abuse of process.

Mr Julian Field for the defendant; Mr Neville Spencer-Lewis, who did not appear in the first action, for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE CHADWICK stated that the rule in *Henderson* prevented parties reopening a cause of action previously litigated, on a different issue which could have been raised before unless there were special circumstances which permitted an exception to the rule.

Talbot v Berkshire County Council ([1994] QB 290) set out three such circumstances; (i) where the plaintiff was unaware of the existence of the claim, (ii) where an agreement was made between the parties holding the action in abeyance and (iii) where the plaintiff had not brought his case earlier in reliance upon a representation by the defendant.

In this case the plaintiff knew he was suffering from back pain which had been attributed to the earlier accident at the time of the hearing of the first action and the failure to amend that action to include personal injury was due to adviser error.

Mr Spencer-Lewis, relying on a passage of Lord Justice Simon Brown in *In re C (a Minor) v Hackney London Borough Council* ([1996] 1 WLR 789) submitted that as the plaintiff's counsel was immune to suit in respect of his negligent advice at the door of the court (see *Kelley v Corston* (*The Times* August 20, 1997: [1997] 4 All ER 466)), the fact that the plaintiff had no recourse against his advisers amounted to a special circumstance.

He submitted that had the plaintiff been able to recover damages for negligence against his advisers, his personal injury claim would have been an abuse of process but as he had no claim against his legal advisers it would have been inequitable for his claim not to proceed.

His Lordship rejected that argument as the passage of Lord Justice Simon Brown's judgment was obiter and he stated that the potential injustice to the plaintiff who had no remedy for his injuries did not outweigh the public interest on which the rule in *Henderson* was based.

His Lordship said that where there had been negligence or inadvertence, the existence of a remedy against a third party was irrelevant. That was in accordance with *Birkett v James* ([1979] AC 297) where it was held that whether or not the plaintiff had an action against his advisers was an irrelevant condition in relation to applications to dismiss for want of prosecution.

Lord Justice Butler-Sloss and Lord Justice Thorpe agreed.

Solicitors: Peter Rickson & Partners, Preston; Wooley & Weston, Welwyn Garden City.

Better terms after transfer not enforceable

Credit Suisse First Boston (Europe) Ltd v Padiachy and Others
Before Mr Justice Longmore
[Judgment June 10]

Whether re-negotiated employment terms, entered into as the result of the transfer of an undertaking, put employees in as good as or, on balance, in a better position than they had previously enjoyed, such term could not be enforced by the court by warrant of the Acquired Rights Directive (77/187/EEC) of the Council of the European Communities (OJ 1977 L61/26).

Mr Justice Longmore so held in the Queen's Bench Division in refusing the application of the plaintiff, Credit Suisse First Boston (Europe) Ltd, for injunctions to stop Vighnesh Padiachy, Stephen Winram and Andrew Cracknell from working, for the time being, for Morgan Stanley Dean Witter.

The three defendants had worked for the investment bankers BZW. As a result of the takeover of BZW by the plaintiff their terms of employment had been changed.

Some of the new terms were better and some worse than their previous arrangement. One term was that they should not offer their services to a competitor until three months after they had stopped working for the plaintiff.

After agreeing to the new terms the defendants resigned from their positions with the plaintiff and all of them went to work for Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, one of the plaintiff's rivals, within the three-month period.

Mr Patrick Elias, QC and Mr Nicholas Randall for the plaintiff; Mr Andrew Hochhauser, QC and Mr Charles Clumel for the respondents.

MR JUSTICE LONGMORE said that paragraph 18 of Case No 324/86 *Foreningen af Arbejdsledere i Danmark v Daddy's Dance Hall A/S* ([1988] ECR 739) read:

"For the above reasons the answer to the second question must be that an employee cannot waive the rights conferred upon him by the mandatory provisions of Directive 77/187/EEC even if the disadvantages resulting from his waiver are offset by such benefits that, taking the matter as a whole, he is not placed in a worse position.

"Nevertheless the directive does not preclude an agreement with the new employer to alter the employment relationship, in so far as such an alteration is permitted by the applicable national law in situations other than the transfers of an undertaking."

In the light of that, his Lordship did not think that a court either could, or should start to weigh the competing advantages and disadvantages of new terms of employment which had arisen by reason of the transfer of the undertaking.

Mr Elias emphasised the negative in the phrase "he is not placed in a worse position" and submitted that it would be absurd if the employee was in fact in a better position and the court could still not enforce the new terms.

That, however, seemed to be the effect of the judgment of the European Court.

Solicitors: Clifford Chance; Pinsent Curtis.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Brooklands Grange Hotel and Restaurant Limited
Pursuant to Section 175 of the Companies Act 1985 Brooklands Grange Hotel and Restaurant Limited ("the Company") hereby gives notice that:
1. The Company approved by Written Resolution passed on 13 July 1998 pursuant to Section 173 of the Companies Act 1985 the payment out of capital of £97,500 for the purpose of acquiring 32,500 of its own Ordinary Shares of £1 each.
2. The amount of the permissible capital payment for the above shares is £97,500.
3. The Statutory Declaration of the Directors and the Auditors' Report required by Section 173 of the Companies Act 1985 are available for inspection at Brooklands Grange Hotel and Restaurant, Holyhead Road, Coventry, CV5 8HX.
4. Any creditor of the Company may at any time prior to 17 August 1998 apply to the court under Section 176 of the Companies Act 1985 for an order prohibiting the permissible capital payment of £97,500.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 1st day of July 1998 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company from £45,680,000 to £18,680,000.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Companies Court Registrar at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 29th day of July 1998.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of the Share Premium Account should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Herbert Smith
Exchange House
Primrose Street
London EC2A 2HS
Ref: 360/CS72/30736902

The Sporting Tummy Pages Limited
(IN LIQUIDATION)
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with the provisions of Rule 11.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that a first & final dividend will be paid within a period of four months from the last date of proving. The last date for creditors to prove claims in this liquidation is 27th August 1998. Creditors of the above named Company should send their addresses, descriptions and full particulars of their debt or claims to K.D. Goodman, FCA, Leonard Curtis & Co, One Great Cumberland Place, London W1H 8LE. Under Rule 11.3(2) a Liquidator is not obliged to deal with claims lodged after the date of proving.
DATED THIS 13th day of July 1998
K.D. GOODMAN, LIQUIDATOR

SPURN POINT DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED
The Insolvency Act 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3PF on 3rd August 1998 at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 to 101 of the said Act.
Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge their proxy, together with a full statement of account at the registered office - Sherlock House, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3PF not later than 12.00 noon on 31st July 1998.
For the purposes of voting, a secured creditor is required (unless he surrenders his security) to lodge at Sherlock House, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3PF before the meeting, a statement giving particulars of his security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed. Notice is further given that a list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected, free of charge, at Sherlock House, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3PF between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the date of the meeting stated above.
Dated this 13th of July 1998
By Order of the Board
John W Bayliss Director

The Insolvency Act 1986
I.A.C.S. LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Chartered Square, London, EC1M 6HN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 13th July 1998.
M.R. DORRINGTON, Liquidator

Notice to Colin Kennedy
Court Number: A21465/98
An Action has been raised in Glasgow Sheriff Court by Northern Rock plc, calling as a Defender, Colin Kennedy, whose last known address was 44 Acrylfie Booth Road, Colindale, London, NW9 5JT. If Colin Kennedy wishes to defend the Action, he should immediately contact the Sheriff Clerk Glasgow Sheriff Court, 1 Carlton Place, Glasgow, from whom the service copy Initial Writ may be obtained. If he fails to do so, Decree may be granted against him.
Signed Iain F. Atack
Solicitor
Kidstons & Company
Solicitors
1 Royal Bank Place
Glasgow G1 3AA
Solicitor for the Pursuers.

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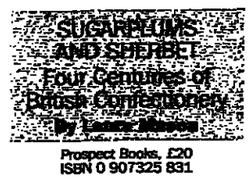
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A novel undertaking

BOOKS

EVIL INTENT
Finding out the Führer

Frances Bissell finds a nostalgic look at sugar, spice and a nice line in history to her taste

Suck it and see view of a sweet nation



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Sweet temptation: the joys of sherbet flying saucers, lucky packets and liquorice comfits found in an old-fashioned shop

Combining a rare and felicitous blend of rigorous scholarship, social history and unashamed nostalgia, Laura Mason has produced a book which will delight everyone who has been a child in Britain, everyone who has ever hesitated at a sweetshop counter, trying to decide between liquorice allsorts and dolly mixtures, aniseed balls and barley sugar.

For me, the book has particular resonances. Like Laura Mason, I was brought up in a village in the West Riding of Yorkshire, and now, at last, some of those childhood mysteries are revealed. I now know what makes "kali" fizz (pronounced, for those brought up south of Watford, "kale-eye"), how the red letters get into sticks of seaside rock, and why we called liquorice "Spanish". I am reminded of things I had quite forgotten, sherbet flying saucers, lucky packets and liquorice comfits, that in West Yorkshire dialect sweets are "spice", and that toffee used to be sold from large trays in the village shop around Bonfire Night, to be broken and prised out with a toffee hammer. This was, according to Mason, a probable descendant of special foods made and sold around All Souls' Day.

Chapters on different types of sweets and their origins, from sugar candy, fruit drops and comfits to elaborate sugar paste, marshmallow and toffee are each followed by a handful of useful recipes. But this is not a recipe book. It is a detailed and fascinating account of the British love for confectionery, or of our addiction to sugar, depending on your viewpoint. The book begins with chapters on the history of sugar production and refining, and shows how it is interwoven with our own political and commercial history. The earliest works on the subject, from the beginning of the 16th century, show that sugarwork was the province of the apothecary and even the alchemist. As its properties were better understood, sugar began to be exploited far beyond the apothecary's laboratory. From these medieval beginnings, Laura Mason describes the development of confectionery in relation to status. Sugar was expensive, the confectioner a skilled and sought-after craftsman. Or woman, for some of the early professional confectioners were women; such as the 17th-century Mrs Mary Eales. And confectionery became an accepted task of the English gentlewoman in her home, creating intricate conceits for her friends.

We learn, too, of the influence of Italian and French confectioners, through their writings, and their presence in English kitchens, especially after the French Revolution. It is probable that the French are partially responsible for our confusion over the words "dessert", "sweet" and "pudding". Dessert is what used to be put on the table after the main course had been cleared, or "*desserví*", small sweetmeats, fruit, dried fruit, sugar-coated spices. The influence of French confectioners in the 18th century led to the dessert becoming more elaborate, with creams, jellies and compotes of fruit, and pyramids of coloured sweetmeats. Later, the Americans added to the confusion by including tarts, pies and sweet puddings in the range of food served at dessert. Pudding is a 19th-century description of the sweet course. In the sense that the pudding started life as a savoury mixture, boiled in a pig's gut, that usage is even less appropriate.

This is a most enjoyable, and unusual, book — scholarly but far from dry, revealing an important, although some might argue minor, strand of our cultural history. The text is interspersed with attractive contemporary engravings, from what is clearly a rich archive. And the bonus is that you too can learn how to make barley sugar twists, Edinburgh Rock and Everton Toffee.

A laughable Hitlerfest

Jonathan Meades on how a critique of Nazi studies descends into an inventory of the absurd

I had never previously made the link between Henry Kissinger and Craig Raine. But one is apeing the other — either that, or men with crinkle-cut hair think alike. The poet asserts that his trade is so competitive because there's so little money in it. The Nobel Peace laureate (oh, that fabulous Swedish sense of humour!) is quoted by Ron Rosenbaum as suggesting that academic infighting is so bitter because the stakes are so small. Now in the course of making this book Rosenbaum has witnessed so much infighting that he must be beginning to hurt.

He acknowledges that one of his inspirations was Don DeLillo's *White Noise*, whose protagonist is a big cheese in the all too credible discipline of "Hitler Studies" at a hick campus: "I invented Hitler studies in North America in March of 1968 . . . [The chancellor] was quick to see the possibilities . . . The chancellor went on to serve as adviser to Nixon, Ford and Carter before his death on a ski lift in Austria." But despite DeLillo's grimly comic example and despite his exposure to an often gruesome *galère* of *soi-disant* scholars, obsessives, and fantasists Rosenbaum fails to see the comedy of his subject.

He is perhaps incapable of transmitting it, perhaps unwilling to breach the boundaries of propriety. He is what Bernard Levin once deprecated as a "responsible journalist" — dogged, literal and too even-handed: he is, thus, prone to grant equivalence to the sane and the crank. He doesn't dare admit that while there is nothing funny about Hitler there is something funny about the spats and mutual character assassinations and hubris and lifelong resentments that inform the Hitler industry.

Hitler is as susceptible to interpretation as Hamlet. Every director has a particular version of the prince which excludes all other versions; every historian and theologian and philosopher has his or her own take on the tyrant. Rosenbaum's invariable stratagem is to read what this or that writer has posited and then to go and interview them, throwing in a little local colour along the way: "To reach Yehuda Bauer's office on the Mount Scopus campus of Hebrew University, I found myself crossing Nancy Regan Plaza, passing by the Frank Sinatra Student Center: before winding down some steps to the more modest edifice that housed the Vidal Sassoon International Center for the Study of Anti-Semitism." This American magazine convention is endlessly repeated, and it's endlessly redundant. So he meets Lords Dacre and Bullock, George Steiner, Daniel Goldhagen, David Irving et al.

The point of the interviews appears to be that Rosenbaum expects the writer to vouchsafe in casual conversation some vital *aperçu* that he has overlooked throughout years of sedulous re-



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search. These interviews also allow Rosenbaum the opportunity for pop psychoanalysis of a breathtaking vulgarity. He ascribes Dacre's antipathy to the notion that Hitler was a "mountebank", a position that the historian has held for half a century, to "the animus he still feels for the mountebanks who sold him on [sic] the counterfeit Hitler of the diaries".

The diaries, incidentally, were bought by *The Sunday Times*, not *The Times*; and the notion that the bank vault where Dacre read the forgeries "was his own bunker" is contemptible. Rosenbaum's mistaking the Cherwell for the Isis is more excusable. But the flawed method and the coarse infelicities do not occlude the sheer mass of information that Rosenbaum has gathered. His paramount preoccupations are the sources of Hitler's anti-Semitism, the point at which Hitler determined to annihilate European Jewry, the question of whether Hitler believed he was doing good.

The first of these has fomented a school of charlatanism whose bickering adherents attempt to "explain" Hitler by inventing, or giving credence to, folkloric stories of psycho-sexual traumas: Hitler's mother was allegedly mistreated or misdiagnosed by a Jewish doctor and died; Hitler may have contracted venereal disease from a Jewish prostitute — these speculations are hateful because they seek to make individual Jews culpable for the enormities their race was to suffer. There are, inevitably, one-ball theories and satanic abuse theories. There is the ridiculous tale of the infant Hitler having his penis bitten by a goat into whose mouth he was attempting to urinate.

The begetter and disseminators of this junk are subscribing to the pseudo-science and renegade scholarship that the NSDAP's ideologues tried, successfully, to found their pan-Germanic culture on. While Rosenbaum cannot be faulted for his scrutiny of the crankier end of Hitler studies he is bizarrely willing to display a tolerance towards this stuff and to grant it as much weight (and implied validity) as the work of more sober and less fanciful historians.

This sort of relativism is unhelpful when it becomes evident that Rosenbaum has devoted so much space to red herrings at the cost of any considered perusal of the anti-Semitic underground of Vienna and Munich before the First World War — the poisonous backwater which Hitler was to divert into the mainstream. It is difficult to disagree with Milton Himmelfarb's "No Hitler, no Holocaust". Without Hitler the texts of Houston Stewart Chamberlain and the fantasies of the blood-and-soil novelists would never have been acted on because without Hitler the NSDAP would never have seized power.

Hitler was, mercifully, unique — and so were the economic circumstances and messianic longing which gave him his opportunity. There is no more absurd claim in this inventory of the absurd than the we-are-all-guilty proposition that "there is a Hitler in all of us". If that is the case why has the Hitler within manifested only once?



An ordinary man or an evil oddity? Hitler at the wedding of a friend, circa 1938

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Death with a sting in the tale

Ruth Scurr



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What happens when you die? Alan Spence's second novel addresses the question beyond all questions. He isn't a diffident writer. His weighty subject is there on the first page, casting a long shadow across the rest. But nor is he portentous: this is a humane and extremely funny book.

Neil McGraw's mother died giving birth to him and his father is a Glaswegian undertaker. At school, he is shunned as a ghoulish freak. At home, he is punished by being locked in the basement with empty coffins. Reaching adolescence, Neil notes the French term for orgasm (*petit mort*) and then takes his first date to see a horror film about premature burial.

As an angry young man in London, he experiments with drugs and finds himself inside one of Salvador Dalí's landscapes hearing the message: "My mother is dead. I will die." He finds a bride while searching for the meaning of life in India. They return to run the family business after Neil's father dies on the job at a funeral. With a change of motto (from "Rest Assured" to "Way To Go"), business booms until the onset of bowel cancer. The novel ends with Neil's death. His life is summarised by Simon and Garfunkel: "Hello, darkness, my old friend."

Into this absurd plot, Spence slots an immense number of macabre facts and jokes. Did you know that modern morgues use closed-circuit TV to avoid face-to-face meetings between relatives and their dead? Did you hear the one about the two maggots fighting in Dead Earnest? There is also an impressive range of literary references to death and dying: a multicultural catalogue of funeral arrangements; and an amusing list of famous last words: "Oscar Wilde, looking round the room. Either the wallpaper goes, or I do."

Behind the facetious frivolity, *Way To Go* makes a serious point. Emptied of religious significance, most modern funerals are upsettingly banal: not much more than a dour commercial transaction. No one really wants the cheesy regulation service, organised by a multinational conglomerate operating a "pay now, die later" scheme. People leave feeling empty and vaguely affronted, but what's the alternative? A Hell's Angel buried on a replica bike. A docker buried in a coffin-sized ship. A young boy buried in a football boot. A man who wants his bones made into musical instruments for his widow to play. A friend who wants his ashes turned into fireworks. Neil McGraw, the creative undertaker with a strong sense of humour, recognises no limit but the law.

This peculiar novel is sustained by priceless irony and irreverent bad taste. Admittedly, the *en passant* discussion of the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales is something of a disappointment. "People really want to believe, in beauty and grace, a kind of goodness. She seemed to embody all that, even though her life was a mess." Butterath brings out the sentiment in all of us.

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BOOKS

COUNTDOWN
A numerical obsession

THEORISTS ATTACKED
Self-deconstruction

Russell Celyn Jones finds the ghost of Raymond Carver inhabiting James Kelman's short stories

Glasgow via California

James Kelman's fictional Glasgow is an American city. His literary influences can be traced to writers of the United States in whose work he discovered a universe that chimed with his own working class culture. All the story titles in his latest collecton — *It happened to me once; Gardens go on forever; I was asking a question too* — are redolent of Raymond Carver, as are his downbeat and blackly humorous gardeners, labourers, drunks and losers. He represents this community with a laudable responsibility, giving the rank and file a dimension they can't give themselves.

In terms of voice, however, Kelman is pure Scots. He has chosen to write both narrative and dialogue in Glaswegian dialect to avoid what could be construed as an emulation of the historical class system — setting "received" English narration against local patois, and thereby echoing the British Establishment's determining of the destiny of Scotland. This may have been perceived in some quarters as Kelman's paranoia until one of the 1994 Booker judges publicly opposed his nomination for the prize on the grounds he was not writing in literary English. Nearly all



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the stories in *The Good Times* keep faith with that manifesto.

Kelman's great gift is the way he writes *internally*. Terse masculine thoughts boil up to the surface in blind anarchic rages. His sentences have an internal logic of their own: "That way ye are with a hangover and this guy behind me in the queue." "That was a thing of course the baby." He is also a very musical writer. There is a rhythm to the angst as well as a melody in the way men walk away from it. And it is usually to the sea that his disenfranchised wish to go, seeking salvation from the Kafkaesque alienation of the inner city. The sea is an elemental freedom, constricted by tides — a structure that these stories sometimes lack. The precipitous psychological states of his characters are mirrored by the instability of Kelman's architecture. There is no invisible thread pulling you though, no triangular shape, or closures that leave the reader satisfied. "What about finishing your story?" one man asks another in *Comic Cuts*, the longest fiction in the collection. "It wasnay a story, more a sad musing," is the reply.

Contexts and settings are more often than not rubbed out, leaving men trying to make sense of abstract problems in a prose shot through with expletives. They do not know where it is all going. "Cause yet we continue. All our lives. That is what we do, we continue." In *Every fucking time*, Matt struggles to keep hold of his last £5 in the pub — a dangerous place for an unemployed man — but the only still point in a turning world. In *Oh my darling*, a man cannot stop railing against a world carrying on without him, and runs the risk of alienating the one precious thing in his life, his wife. In all these stories the past is painful, the future is unknown, the only places of safety are "fitba" (football) and the bookies.

In the ten years since Kelman was first shortlisted for the Booker with *A Disaffection*, London publishers have been falling over themselves trying to buy everything Scottish (and not always on merit). But it was Kelman, in this current wave, who first reached the suburbs of Southern England carrying the Scottish flag. This loose collection is likely to test the faith of that non-Scottish readership.

Russell Celyn Jones's novel, The Eros Hunter, *is published by Abacus at £9.99.*



James Kelman: challenges the Establishment

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THE novelist Judy Blume has made a life's work out of empathy with the adolescent psyche. Of her 22 books, the vast majority are for, and about, *young adults*. Blume is able to fix on the miseries of adolescence, the gawkiness, the self-consciousness, the callow sense of alienation — and by turning on them the writer's equivalent of the film-maker's vaselined lens, transform them into something rather toothsome. Adolescents dote on her sugary renditions of their experience. Her sales are phenomenal.

In *Summer Sisters*, her third novel for adults, Blume hugs the familiar shore. The summer sisters are Caitlin Summers, a wayward Wasp princess, and Victoria Leonard who, more waif than princess, is suddenly, dazzingly selected by Caitlin to spend the summer vacation with her family on Martha's Vineyard in 1977, when both girls are 12. It is through Victoria's outsider's eyes — the gaze of a child on whom too much responsibility has been placed too early by her poor and harassed parents — that Blume examines the fecklessly attractive world of Caitlin's family, with its snobbish Bohemianism and careless old-money assumption that the world will bend itself to the Summers' will.

The summer sisterhood thrives, flourishing on the contrast between Caitlin's wildness and Victoria's steadiness, gaining strength as they pass each adolescent milestone — first bra, first period, first love — until the end of childhood *signals a rupture. The girls'* paths diverge: Victoria's towards Harvard, New York and the life of a successful young professional woman; Caitlin's to a kind of restless wandering from America to Europe and back again, seeking, but never quite finding, an attachment to match that of the childhood summers.

Blume's competence at story telling and her technical expertise make *Summer Sisters* a neatly constructed piece of work. The book is vastly over populated with characters, most of whom are extraneous to the narrative, and appear to have been introduced in an attempt to add complexity to what is essentially a one-note story. Blume is expertly self-assured, as one might expect, when handling the clammy intricacies of adolescent emotional experience, but her psychological acuity falters as soon as her characters emerge from the world of teen bras and *heavy petting*.

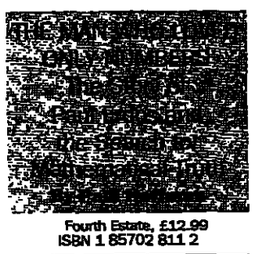
His prime concern

Tibor Fischer sums up the dangers of a mathematical existence



It can't have been easy for Paul Hoffman to have sold the idea of a book about Pal Erdos. You can imagine an editor being excited by a pitch about one of the great mathematicians this century; could this be the *Fever Pitch* of algebra? But a problem quickly becomes evident as you turn the pages of *Mr Hoffman's book*. There are about only four things you can say about Erdos. He was only interested in mathematics. He was very, very good at his chosen work. He loved to work with other mathematicians. He kept on being productive into old age, a rarity among mathematicians.

Hoffman does a skilful job of juggling these four points, but the themes recur to a trying degree, even when you have the material allowed by the book's sub-title: "the search for mathematical truth". So you have a potted bi-



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ography combined with a swift history of mathematics and an even swifter chronicle of 20th-century Central Europe. Thus you get the pageant from Egyptian fractions, Pythagoras's beans, Archimedes's bath, Fibonacci's rabbits, Fermat's last theorem and Ramanujan's letter, onto which are patched various episodes of *European nastiness*.

Erdos was the wandering Jew par excellence. Forced to leave his native Hungary because of the inclement political conditions, Erdos never settled down, preferring to travel around staying with other mathematicians since this gave him the opportunity to do maths non-stop. Most of the *chapters* have the same kernel. Erdos blows into town, turns up on someone's doorstep, then fired up on benzedrine makes *them do maths* for 19 hours, hands out brilliant proofs like cigars, issues some *bon mots* ("mathematicians are machines for turning coffee into theorems"), grabs his plastic bag and leaves.

Erdos comes across as a mostly likeable eccentric (he would phone people at five o'clock in the morning to discuss ideas because he could be sure they would be at home) who required others to carry out the most basic everyday tasks for him. He had his own *slang*: "*Supreme Fascist*" — God, "bosses" — women, "epsilon" — child. Nevertheless, he was too eccentric for the American authorities to offer him a gig at Los Alamos with the other Hungarians busy working on the bomb. He was extremely close to his mother, and not only did he never marry, he claimed he had an abnormality which ruled him out from sexual pursuits: when blood flowed into his penis it caused him great pain.

Erdos's monk-minus-the-monastery lifestyle makes for a great magazine article (which Hoffman did write) but makes for a meandering 302-page book. Hoffman is at his best showcasing the maths for which he clearly has a passion and he does a manful job of coming to grips with the complexities of Hungarian language and history. There are a few slips. He refers to "communist revolutions" which puzzles me, since I and I think most Hungarian historians would maintain that there haven't been any in Hungary.

At best there was one, if you should choose to describe Béla Kun's Soviet Republic of 1919 as such (though Hoffman himself refers to it as a "non-violent coup" before going on to recount how it wasn't non-violent). He talks about "the Soviet authorities who would control Hungary until 1988" and while this is a matter of debate, I think most people who know about Hungary would opt for either 1989 or 1990.

Oddly, the most glaring error in the book is in the guide to the pronounciation of Erdos, which Hoffman gives as "air-dish". Admittedly, the o sound is not in standard English but it is closer to "air-duhsh". *The Man Who Loved Numbers* touches on two stories that deserve fuller treatment. Firstly, why the generation of Jews born in the decades around 1900 in the Austro-Hungarian Empire produced so many intellectual giants (there's something of an attempt in Raphael Patai's *The Jews of Hungary*, Wayne State University Press). Secondly, the future of mathematics. We have all heard about Pythagoras and Fermat: it is where the field is going in the future that's more interesting. Perhaps I'm not well-read enough, but it seems to me that maths doesn't have good popularisers in the way that physics does.

Though messy, the book is always readable (best sentence — "Genius though he was, Gödelwas not a poster boy for mathematical sanity") and Hoffman does succeed in conveying the charm and dangers of mathematics. Einstein steered clear of pure maths, we learn, because he was worried by the siren allure of the beautiful problems that were Erdos's fodder. He was always looking for a proof out of the Book, God's book, in which all the beautiful, perfect solutions were to be found. But as Ernst Straus, Einstein's assistant put it: "In the search for truth there is room for Don Juans like Erdos and Sir Galahads like Einstein."

Philosophers who faked it all along

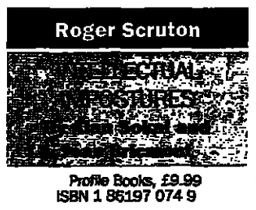
Intellectual Impostures is an attack on some of the leading French intellectuals of our time, by two academic physicists — Professor Alan Sokal of New York, and Professor Jean Bricmont of Louvain. Already published in French, the book has met with a storm of abuse across the Channel, not because its accusations are false, but because they are undeniable. Famous writers like the psychoanalyst Jacques Lacan, the critic Julia Kristeva, the feminist Luce Irigaray and the sociologist Jean Baudrillard are charged with charlatanism — and the charges stick. These thinkers are shown to be impostors, who abuse the terms and theories of modern science in order to deceive the reader into thinking that they are thinking when in fact they are doing no such thing. The great balloon of French sorcery has been punctured, and the gas is on its way to the ozone layer.

What Sokal and Bricmont do not say, however, is that their targets were not *expected* to think — certainly not to think clearly. Their role was to *subvert the thinking of others*. The writers discussed by Sokal and Bricmont were the products and producers of *May 1968, who had a political* agenda which dictated almost everything they wrote. Their goal was to undermine the ideas and values of the "bourgeoisie" — anyone who upheld law and order, the family and the Christian religion of France. This explains their appeal to timid academics in America. The impostors were in the business of undermining the moral order, and putting the intellectuals on top.

In effect the *soixante-huitards formed a priesthood of unbelievers*. They assumed the absolute right to say, think and act as they chose, and to invent the *ideas* and words that would justify their mischief. It didn't matter if the ideas and words were gobbledegook. What mattered was the flair with which they were handled, and the offence that they caused to bourgeois decencies. Had Sokal and Bricmont paid attention to this, they might have been both kinder to their victims and also harsher — kinder in seeing the great rhetorical achievement involved in dressing up subversion as a form of science, harsher in recognising not the intellectual but the *moral* imposture of those parasites who lived in bourgeois security while sneering at the bourgeoisie.

One figure is noticeably absent from Sokal and Bricmont's pages, and that is Jacques Derrida. The authors explain that their intention is the limited one of exposing the

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age done by the *soixante-huitards*. By conscripting the humanities to the cause of "liberation", these pseudo-thinkers cancelled the most important branch of human knowledge — the branch which we know as "culture", and which has effectively vanished from the Post-Modern university. Under the benign rule of the old curriculum, philosophy, history and criticism were treated as serious disciplines, with the knowledge and judgment of human life as their purpose. The intention was to teach young people how to feel: how to attain clarity in both their *ideas and sentiments*. Post-Modern academics will laugh at that idea. Their laughter is testimony to the enduring moral *imposture*.

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Angels should be able to talk about sex, too

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THE death of children forces us to confront some of the most intractable problems of human life. It calls into question the notion that our existence has ultimate meaning and value. Dostoevsky argued that the death of a single child makes the whole religious perspective *unacceptable*, because it makes untenable the idea of a just, omnipotent, and compassionate deity, the final cause of everything that happens on earth.

Jostein Gaarder has achieved an international reputation for novels which popularise philosophical and religious ideas, so the reader might expect that *Through A Glass, Darkly*, his latest work, a record of conversations between a dying girl and an angel, would grapple with these dark profundities. From the outset it is clear that Cecilia is in denial, determined to recover soon and insisting on new skis for Christmas. Ariel, her angel, has been sent to comfort her.

Gaarder's strength as a writer lies in his ability to explain complex ideas: his weakness is that he seems unable to convey their emotional resonance. Even though we are repeatedly *told* that Cecilia is angry and bitter, she speaks and behaves throughout with a cheery *sprightliness that* belies this, making it impossible for the reader to share her distress or to empathise with her in any way.

*Ariel, too, is more like Shake*speare's creation than the wise, stern guides described by Dante or Milton. Impervious to human feeling, he adroitly avoids any discussion of painful issues, and exhibits a prudish *distaste for the physical* and the sexual — a trait which would seem to disqualify him from being any use to a dying adolescent. Ariel appears to have no depth. Instead of helping Cecilia to face *her imminentdeath*, he prefers to gambol in the snow or to discuss, incredulously, such human phenomena as taste, touch or sight.

Consequently, the novel represents an almost perverse flight from the tragic to the trivial. The reader longs to know what Ariel's God *thinks* about the death of children, mortality and the state of the world, but these great questions are kept firmly at bay. Occasionally Gaarder tries to introduce a more profound note with such epigrams as: "Something has gone wrong with the whole of the greater design" or "All stars fall at some time" which are repeated by the characters like a mantra. But because Gaarder's narrative sticks so firmly to the literal, these remarks sound banal, statements of the self-evident. The novel lacks the emotional or symbolic dimension to give them greater significance.

Eventually Cecilia's soul flutters painlessly out of her body and regards her corpse with a detachment which is, unfortunately, shared by the reader. Gaarder has performed the dubious feat of writing a novel about death which is entirely lacking in awe, terror or anguish. It is, therefore, a book without humanity, demonstrating the impotence of the purely cerebral before life's ultimate questions.

Compiled by Deborah King

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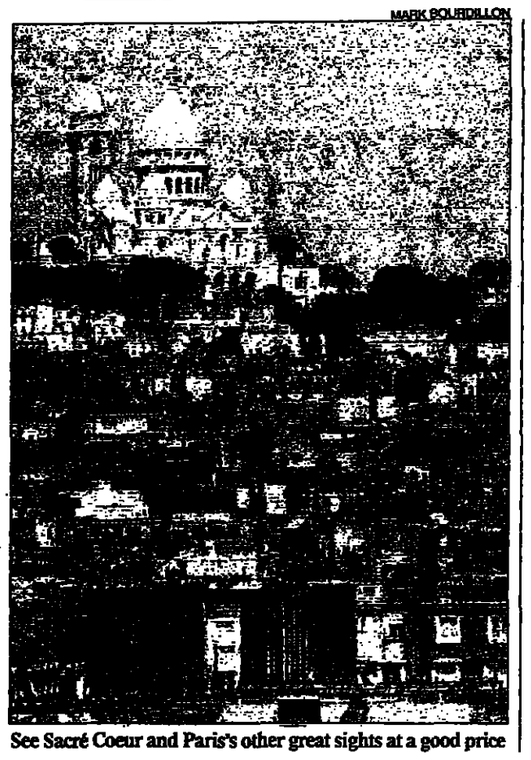
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Chris McGrath meets a durable negotiator reined back by demands of diplomacy

Caulfield champions jockeys' cause

It is said that passions, like fire and water, are good servants but bad masters. And Michael Caulfield, secretary of the Jockeys' Association for nearly ten years, knows that he has sometimes been accused of allowing his emotions to be engaged at too humbling a rate.

If anything, however, he says that he has conformed too long with the seemly demands of diplomacy and pragmatism. Only recently, in fact, has he yielded to the militant fervour aroused in him by the Racehorse Owners' Association (ROA). In Caulfield's view, the terms for hiring jockeys' services provide a rather more damning example of good servants and bad masters.

His Newbury office, after all, is a shock absorber for the volatile fortunes of jockeys. It would be remarkable if Caulfield were immune to the infectious resilience and humour with which they pursue a career so predictable in its dangers — but never in its rewards.

True, those rewards can be such that certain jockeys would be forgiven an ironic smirk as they touch their caps in the paddock. Most, however, trundle thousands of miles on bald tyres in the vain, addictive quest for a lucky break — when rather more likely, of course, to sustain a complicated fracture. Yet attritional negotiation was required for a recent three per cent increase in riding fees, to £63.35 on the Flat and £87.35 over jumps.

"Maybe I am sometimes too passionate, but that's not a sin," Caulfield said. "I always smile when I read about burnout in other sports, too much cricket or football or whatever. I tell you, these guys wouldn't even lay up with jockeys, who have the most incredible appetite. They offer enormous value for the rewards they get. So when they put their lives on the line, and people quibble about a few quid's difference, I find it frankly distasteful."

Caulfield, 37, feels genuine intimacy with the profession's capricious distribution of joys and sorrows, albeit he has largely experienced them vicariously. Though his father presided over the Gay Future case in the High Court, he has no racing background. He did spend six years after school at the coal-face, working for Captain Tim Forster and David Nicholson, before going to college.

Then Peter Scudamore recommended him for the vacancy at the Jockeys' Association. They promptly turned their attention to another vacancy, down the side of a jockey's breeches, and its commercial possibilities. These are finally to be explored with logos this November, but only on conditions that exasperate Caulfield. He says that the ROA's insistence on a right of veto is greatly compromising negotiation with potential sponsors.

"We virtually had agreement in 1992, but when owners were offered the VAT concession we stood back to allow them the first chance to use logos," Caulfield said. "Our reward is that they want to stop us promoting the stars of the sport, for the good of the sport. Remember, it was Richard Dunwoody who introduced Saab to racing, and they now back Henry Cecil and Lynda Ramsden.

"The veto is not only unjust, it's commercially wrong. We even offered the ROA ten per cent of gross sponsorship, which would guarantee them business income for the purposes of the VAT scheme. Their thinking looks feudal, rather than commercial."

For Caulfield feels that his members must still endure some archaic social attitudes, and is determined to win them due respect. He knows their strengths and weaknesses better than anybody, having celebrated triumphs as many times as he has visited hospital wards. He has even had the trauma of attending funerals and, earlier this year, restoring the suspended licences of three jockeys arrested — but not charged — by police investigating allegations of doping and race-fixing.

"There is that lingering, historic pecking order," he said. "But with the emergence of some of the younger jockeys over recent years, the likes of Frankie Dettori and Tony McCoy — well, you can't deny these are the real stars of the show. When the Tote wanted to promote itself, what did it do? Sign up Frankie."

Caulfield concluded: "Jockeys are the best way of promoting racing as a high-profile spectator sport. They have their faults, like all of us. But they need more courage than even grand prix drivers, and I won't let them down."

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: D'Marti
(3.30 Bath)

D'Marti opened her account when winning a competitive handicap at Sandown recently in a particularly fast time, and looks capable of defying a 7lb rise in the handicap this afternoon.

NB: Cadette
(4.10 Doncaster)

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Caulfield believes that jockeys are the best way of promoting racing as a spectator sport

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Catterick

Going: firm (good to firm in places)

2.20 (7f) 1, RED CHARGER (J Fortune, 6-1); 2, Thank Heavens (R Perham, 4-5 fav); 3, Blackpool Rock (J Carroll, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 15-8 Bollin Roberta (4th), 25 Rudi Secret (5th). 5 ran. 1½l, 6l, ½l, 16l. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £7.90; £1.60, £1.30. DF: £4.70. CSF: £10.95.

2.50 (1m 3f 214yd) 1, BRODESSA (A Culhane, 5-4 fav); 2, Ten Past Six (J Carroll, 9-4); 3, Sityers A Kite (J Lowe, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Goldengirlmichelle (5th), 10 Nonios (6th), 16 Stolen Music (4th), Stoneham Girl, 25 Sabu. 8 ran. 1¾l, 7l, 1½l, ½l, ¾l. Mrs M Reveley at Saltburn. Tote: £2.80; £1.10, £1.40, £7.70. DF: £2.90. CSF: £4.20.

3.20 (5f) 1, AFAAN (T G McLaughlin, 15-8 fav); 2, Royal Dome (J Carroll, 3-1); 3, Lady Sheriff (T Lucas, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 5 Bowcliffe Grange (5th), 16 Blazing Imp (4th), 25 My Abbey (6th). 6 ran. Hd, 3l, nk, 1¼l, 5l. R Marvin at Doncaster. Tote: £2.50; £1.60, £1.80. DF: £3.60. CSF: £6.48.

3.50 (5f 212yd) 1, PALACEGATE TOUCH (K Darley, 11-8 fav); 2, Whacker-Do (A Culhane, 18-1); 3, Swan Lake (J Fortune, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Henry The Hawk (6th), 9 Verdant Express, 10 Millesime (5th), 12 Skyers Tryer (4th), 14 Supacalifragilistik, 33 Most Respectful, Mystic Ring, Scotch Time, 100 Benrock. 12 ran. 1l, 1¼l, 1¾l, nk, ¾l. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £2.40; £1.20, £4.80, £2.00. DF: £33.50. Trio: £44.40. CSF: £28.21.

4.20 (7f) 1, CRUINN A BHORD (M Roberts, 1-11 fav); 2, Jacobina (K Darley, 12-1); 3, Thatoldblackmagic (J Fanning, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 16 Miss Serengeti (5th), Torianna (6th), 100 Karenaragon, Townville Cee Cee (4th). 7 ran. 1½l, 5l, nk, hd, ¾l. A Stewart at Newmarket. Tote: £1.10; £1.10, £2.70. DF: £3.10. CSF: £2.37.

4.50 (1m 3f 214yd) 1, ADESTE FIDELES (R Mullen, 100-30); 2, Younico (Dean McKeown, 100-30); 3, Disco Tex (G Parkin, 3-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Pipe Music (4th), 10 Free (6th), Hiding Place (5th), 40 Jago. 7 ran. 1¾l, 2½l, hd, 4l, 4l. M Bell at Newmarket. Tote: £2.60; £1.10, £3.20. DF: £4.30. CSF: £13.45.

Placepot: £6.60.

Quadpot: £3.70.

Yarmouth

Going: good to firm

2.00 (1m 2f 21yd) 1, GUESSTIMATION (G Faulkner, 9-2); 2, Blockade (M Hills, 11-8 fav); 3, Sassy (D Sweeney, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Tinkers Folly (4th), 7 Errant (6th), 25 Capercaillie (5th), 33 Dockland Executive. 7 ran. 1¾l, 1¾l, 3½l, sh hd, 3½l. J Pearce at Newmarket. Tote: £5.60; £1.90, £1.60. DF: £4.70. CSF: £9.86.

2.30 (6f 3yd) 1, COVER GIRL (S Sanders, 5-1); 2, Emma-Lyne (A Nicholls, 12-1); 3, Taker Chance (K Fallon, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Powergold (4th), 4 Salford Flyer, 7 Prince Of Aragon, 8 Bridgend Blue (5th), 25 Fenetta (6th). 8 ran. ½l, hd, 4l, ¾l, 2l. M Prescott at Newmarket. Tote: £6.20; £2.30, £2.20, £1.50. DF: £76.30. CSF: £59.38.

3.00 (1m 3yd) 1, MIGRATE (L Dettori, 7-1); 2, Daintree (N Carlisle, 14-1); 3, Shocker (M Hills, 6-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Sandicliffe (6th), 5 Gymcrak Flyer (5th), 16 Rich In Love, 20 Certain Danger (4th), Natalie's Pet, Princess Of Hearts, Serape, 33 Triple High, 40 Katies Treat. 12 ran. ¾l, 1l, ¾l, hd, ½l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £9.50; £3.10, £3.70, £1.80. DF: £53.90. Trio: £49.10. CSF: £86.66. Tricast: £212.67.

3.30 (7f 3yd) 1, NIKI (L Dettori, 9-4); 2, Razor (K Fallon, 2-1 fav); 3, Shadow Creek (R Price, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Pursuit Venture (6th), 10 Parting Echo (4th), 16 Monarchy (5th). 6 ran. ¾l, 1½l, 3½l, 2l, 2¾l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £2.90; £1.90, £1.40. DF: £4.00. CSF: £6.92.

4.00 (7f 3yd) 1, DOOMNA (L Dettori, 2-7 fav); 2, Dan Loose (K Fallon, 10-1); 3, Expect To Shine (M Hills, 7-2). 3 ran. 6l, 6l. S bin Suroor at Newmarket. Tote: £1.20. DF: £2.90. CSF: £3.37.

4.30 (7f 3yd) 1, WARNINGFORD (W R Swinburn, 6-4 fav); 2, Free Option (A Nicholls, 5-1); 3, Atlantic Viking (D Holland, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Plaisir D'Amour (4th), 11-2 Calchas (5th), 13-2 Shudder (6th). 6 ran. ½l, ½l, 1¼l, 1¼l, 4l. J Fanshawe at Newmarket. Tote: £2.50; £1.60, £2.70. DF: £6.40. CSF: £9.04.

5.00 (1m 3f 101yd) 1, RUSSIAN RULER (D Sweeney, 10-1); 2, Miss Pin Up (R Cochrane, 10-1); 3, Cottage Prince (Dale Gibson, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Meilleur (4th), 11-2 Blowing Away, 8 Moonshift (5th), 8 Augustan (6th), 16 Yaverland, 33 Academy Star, Alakdar, 50 Lanin. 11 ran. 3l, hd, 2½l, nk, ¾l. A Jarvis at Didcot. Tote: £15.30; £3.30, £2.80, £4.90. DF: £28.00. Trio: £93.90. CSF: £105.97. Tricast: £965.64.

Placepot: £11.00. Quadpot: £4.20.

Folkestone

Going: good (good to firm on round course)

1.40 (7f) 1, Far-So-La (J Quinn, 33-1); 2, Fire Goddess (3-1 fav); 3, Radar O'Reilly (8-1). 14 ran. 4l, nk. R O'Sullivan. Tote: £35.80; £7.90, £1.80, £3.50. DF: £193.00. CSF: £125.66. Trio: £278.90 (part won; pool of £266.83 carried forward to 4.40 Doncaster today).

2.10 (6f) 1, Boomerang Blade (J Stack, 4-1); 2, Sweet Charity (10-1); 3, Lethal Hope (7-1). Zmile 3-1 fav. 13 ran. 3l, 1¼l. B Smart. Tote: £5.70; £2.20, £2.20, £4.60. DF: £30.40. Trio: £89.10. CSF: £48.61.

2.40 (7f) 1, Jack Goodman (P P Murphy, 9-1); 2, Dolphin Friendly (25-1); 3, Jane Ann (33-1). Penang Pearl 2-1 fav. 13 ran. ¾l, nk. J Moore. Tote: £12.40; £2.50, £4.40, £5.70. DF: £108.60. Trio: not won (pool of £361.74 carried forward to 4.40 Doncaster today). CSF: £211.43.

3.10 (7f) 1, Roffey Spinney (R Hughes, 4-1); 2, Crotters Edge (10-1); 3, Peaceful Sarah (9-4 fav). 14 ran. 3l, 1¼l. R Hannon. Tote: £4.30; £1.90, £4.50, £1.70. DF: £38.40. Trio: £88.50. CSF: £47.14.

3.40 (6f) 1, Scissor Ridge (J Quinn, 100-30 jt-fav); 2, Ego Night (100-30 jt-fav); 3, See-Deer (5-1). 8 ran. ¾l, 1l. J Bridger. Tote: £3.70; £1.70, £1.70, £1.40. DF: £8.40. CSF: £13.96. Tricast: £50.82.

4.10 (1m 4f) 1, Delayed Reaction (J F Egan, 5-1); 2, Primeticcio (5-2); 3, King Priam (8-11 fav). 5 ran. NR: Malayan Moon. 2½l, 3l. N Callaghan. Tote: £7.00; £2.10, £1.40. DF: £6.80. CSF: £16.21.

4.40 (1m 1f 149yd) 1, Sea Danzig (R Studholme, 8-1); 2, Ocean Park (9-4); 3, Praeditus (16-1). Iron Mountain 2-1 fav. 7 ran. Nk, 1¼l. J Bridger. Tote: £8.40; £2.10, £2.60. DF: £12.30. CSF: £26.63.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £46,594.02 carried forward to Doncaster today).

Placepot: £1,754.80.

Quadpot: £185.60.

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Pasternak to bypass Goodwood

PASTERNAK is unlikely to attempt another valuable handicap win in the William Hill Mile at Goodwood in two weeks' time, for which 46 entries stood their ground at yesterday's forfeit stage.

The Mark Prescott-trained five-year-old, who netted large gambles when winning the John Smith's Cup at York and the Tote Cambridgeshire at Newmarket last year, was narrowly denied a repeat success in the York race on Saturday by the Henry Cecil-trained Porto Foricos.

Pasternak, raised 5lb by the handicapper for his performance at the weekend, will run from his previous mark in the Golden Pages Handicap over nine furlongs at Leopardstown on Saturday, which would make him an unlikely starter at Glorious Goodwood.

"He runs in Ireland off his old weight on Saturday and the likelihood is that it would rule out Goodwood, but I am not going to be held to that," said Prescott.

Despite the doubts over the bay's participation in the William Hill Mile, the sponsors are taking no chances with him and quote him as their clear 5-1 favourite "with a run". The sponsor then bets: 12-1 Plan-B, 14-1 Fizzed, Mubrik, 16-1 Labeq, Misbah, No Extras, Pantar, Refuse To Lose, 20-1 Almandab, Brave Reward, Equity Princess, For Your Eyes Only, La Modiste, 25-1 bar.

BATH

THUNDERER
2.00 Crackle. 2.30 Brighstone. 3.00 Sovereigns Court. 3.30 D'Marti. 4.00 Montendre. 4.30 Dancing Feather.

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2.00 AVEBURY MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,472: 5f 161yd) (15 runners)

1 (8) 4 BREAD WINNER 50T Balding 9-0 Pat Eddery 56
2 (1) DICK'S AT HOME P Murphy 9-0 F Lynch –
3 (13) KIDNAPPED Mrs A King 9-0 A Daly (3) –
4 (12) 605 MUCHO COLOR 17 (B) B Meehan 9-0 R Hughes 53
5 (14) 0053 OO EE BE 7 M A Buckley 9-0 J Stack 60
6 (10) POWER GLOW J Bradley 9-0 J Fowle (7) –
7 (3) 50 RAINBOW ROMEO 21 (BF) P Walwyn 9-0 T Quinn 47
8 (11) SAINT GEORGE G Balding 9-0 S Drowne –
9 (5) 00 ALMAZIONA 23 S Mellor 8-9 J Quinn 23
10 (9) ASTON EYRE A Jukes 8-9 A McGlone –
11 (4) 32 CRACKLE 62 B Hills 8-9 A Nicholls (7) 65
12 (6) 30 LANGANS FIGURINE 12 M Fetherston-Godley 8-9 T Sprake 44
13 (15) NOTAGAINTHEN S Knight 8-9 N Pollard (5) –
14 (2) 0 PATSY STONE 22 M Kettle 8-9 A McCarthy (3) 11
15 (7) 02 WHATTA MADAM 8 G L Moore 8-9 F Norton 37

5-4 Bread Winner, 9-2 Crackle, 10-1 Mucho Color, Oo Ee Be, Rainbow Romeo, Langans Figurine, Whatta Madam, 25-1 others.

2.30 WHITE HORSE SELLING STAKES (£2,248: 1m 3f 144yd) (12)

1 (2) 300/ BON VOYAGE 40J (B) P Hobbs 6-9-2 T Sprake –
2 (10) 5220 BRIGHSTONE 6 (BF,C,D,F,S) M Pipe 5-9-2 A McGlone 68
3 (12) 0423 DOUBLE RUSH 5 (BF,F,S) T Mills 6-9-2 Pat Eddery 60
4 (7) 0/00 KING CURAN 6 (B,F,G,S) P Bowen 7-9-2 N Pollard (5) 35
5 (4) LORD BUSTER 40J G Balding 5-9-2 P P Murphy (3) –
6 (9) /41- MARCHMAN 408 (D,F) J King 13-9-2 T Quinn –
7 (6) 50/6 MINNISAM 12 (D,G) G Ham 5-9-2 S Drowne 55
8 (8) -000 RUNIC SYMBOL 8 (F) M Blanshard 7-9-2 J Quinn 52
9 (5) 0/04 SORISKY 38 B Gubby 6-9-2 R Hughes 37
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11 (3) 0 KATIE HAWK 15 J Bradley 4-8-11 N Adams –
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2-1 Brighstone, 5-2 Double Rush, 5-1 Marchman, 10-1 King Curan, Sorisky, 14-1 Bon Voyage, 20-1 Lord Buster, Minnisam, Urban Lily, 25-1 others.

3.00 JAMES & COWPER ACCOUNTANTS CLASSIFIED STAKES (£3,420: 1m 5yd) (6)

1 (2) 4120 QUESTAN 23 (CD,F,G) B Smart 6-9-6 J Stack 76
2 (1) 0005 MUHTAFEL 8 (D,G) M Quinn 4-9-4 T Quinn 93
3 (3) 5320 SOVEREIGNS COURT 24 (D,G,S) L Cottrell 5-9-4 M Roberts 87
4 (5) 6042 BANKER DWERRY 5 S Woods 3-8-10 Paul Eddery 96
5 (6) 2560 TAKE A TURN 64 (B,S) Miss G Kelleway 3-8-10 Pat Eddery 80
6 (4) 0421 MINETTA 7 (D,F) M Bell 3-8-9 R Mullen (3) 81

2-1 Minetta, 11-4 Sovereigns Court, 9-2 Take A Turn, 5-1 Banker Dwerry, 10-1 Questan, Muhtafel.

3.30 STONEHENGE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £5,602: 5f 11yd) (11)

1 (7) 1106 RUZEN 12 (D,G,S) B Palling 5-7 T Sprake 85
2 (4) -552 SECOND WIND 9 (D,F) P Cole 9-2 T Quinn 90
3 (8) 1002 EASTER OGIL 23 (D,S) I Balding 9-1 Pat Eddery 93
4 (11) 0410 EASTERN LYRIC 6 (D,F) J Berry 8-8 N Adams 90
5 (1) 1300 MADAME JONES 6 (F,G) M A Buckley 8-7 J Stack 95
6 (6) 3033 IVORY'S JOY 8 (D,F,G,S) K Ivory 8-6 N Pollard (5) 89
7 (3) 5421 D'MARTI 13 (D,S) C Booth 8-5 Paul Eddery 81
8 (2) 0060 BLISS 8 (D,G) Mrs P Dutfield 8-3 J Quinn 94
9 (9) 2035 BATCHWORTH BELLE 13 E Wheeler 8-1 A Daly (3) 98
10 (10) 2615 ZEPPO 10 (F) B Millman 7-11 A McCarthy (3) 91
11 (5) 6015 SKY RED 9 (D,F) M Bell 7-11 R Mullen (3) 86

5-1 D'Marti, 11-2 Second Wind, 13-2 Ruzen, 7-1 Easter Ogil, 8-1 Eastern Lyric, Ivory's Joy, Sky Red, 10-1 others.

4.00 LONGLEAT CLAIMING STAKES (£2,332: 5f 11yd) (12)

1 (10) 0003 ANOKATO 8 (B,D,F) T Mills 4-9-6 J Quinn 78
2 (1) 0100 VILLAGE NATIVE 17 (B,D,F,S) K C-Brown 5-9-6 M Roberts 72
3 (11) 3042 MONTENDRE 8 (C,D,F,G,S) R Hodges 11-9-4 Pat Eddery 87
4 (9) 0255 HENRY THE PROUD 17 (S) J Berry 3-9-2 Iona Wands (5) 71
5 (5) -605 MIDSUMMER NIGHT 12 R Hannon 3-8-13 P Dobbs (7) 80
6 (12) 6- BEST ATTEMPT 372 J Neville 3-8-10 T Quinn –
7 (4) 060 LEAVE IT TO RODNEY 34 R Hodges 3-8-10 Martin Dwyer 56
8 (7) 00-0 TOMMY TEMPEST 190 (D,F,S) R Peacock 9-8-9 N Pollard (5) 47
9 (6) PORLOCK LADY R Hodges 3-8-7 P P Murphy (3) –
10 (2) 0000 CALANDRELLA 6 G Balding 5-8-4 S Drowne 52
11 (3) 0 HARD TO FOLLOW 23 R Hodges 3-8-3 N Adams –
12 (8) 00 DYESS 46 W G M Turner 3-8-1 A Nicholls (7) 44

5-4 Montendre, 5-1 Anokato, 8-1 Village Native, Henry The Proud, 12-1 Midsummer Night, 14-1 Best Attempt, Tommy Tempest, Calandrella, 20-1 others.

4.30 WESTONBIRT FILLIES HANDICAP (£2,944: 1m 2f 46yd) (15)

1 (9) 3332 HAPPY GO LUCKY 12 (F) M J Weeden 4-10-0 F Tynan (7) 74
2 (3) 1403 RASPBERRY SAUCE 8 (C,D,S) C Cyzer 4-9-6 T Quinn 68
3 (2) -136 DANCING FEATHER 9 (C,S) B Hills 4-9-6 Pat Eddery 81
4 (11) 2235 PEPPERS 27 K Burke 5-9-2 N Callan (7) 88
5 (1) 1501 MAY QUEEN MEGAN 7 (F,G) Mrs A King 5-8-12 (6ex) A Daly (3) 70
6 (8) 4-05 SHORT ROMANCE 34 J Hills 3-8-10 A McCarthy (3) 69
7 (13) 0000 ROBANNA 22 J Akehurst 3-8-4 M Roberts 50
8 (4) 0215 MISCONDUCT 12 (D,F) G L Moore 4-8-3 J Quinn 72
9 (14) 0000 MIGHTY MAGIC 36 D Elsworth 3-8-3 N Pollard (5) 57
10 (10) 005 WINKIE 22 J Akehurst 4-8-3 A McGlone 64
11 (7) 0040 RAPID RELIANCE 8 (G) R Ingram 3-7-10 N Adams 73
12 (6) 0006 JILLY WOO 23 P Hayward 4-7-10 A Nicholls (7) 83
13 (12) 0005 BABY SPICE 7 M Channon 3-7-10 M Henry 49
14 (15) 6063 BLUE HOPPER 6 M Quinn 4-7-10 F Norton 82
15 (5) 4800 ARRASAS LADY 41 J R Poulton 8-7-10 Martin Dwyer 66

5-1 May Queen Megan, 6-1 Happy Go Lucky, 13-2 Misconduct, 7-1 Dancing Feather, 8-1 Raspberry Sauce, Peppers, 10-1 Short Romance, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Berry, 12 winners from 53 runners, 22.6%; I Balding, 19 from 89, 21.3%; P Cole, 15 from 73, 20.5%; C Cyzer, 4 from 21, 19.0%; D Elsworth, 8 from 44, 18.2%; B Hills, 10 from 60, 16.7%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 28 winners from 105 rides, 26.7%; M Henry, 11 from 58, 19.0%; Martin Dwyer, 12 from 69, 17.4%; Paul Eddery, 12 from 76, 15.8%; R Hughes, 14 from 93, 15.1%.

LEICESTER

THUNDERER
2.20 Agent Le Blanc. 2.50 Cosmo Jack. 3.20 Tayovullin. 3.50 Capella. 4.20 Flying Eagle. 4.50 Ice Age.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.50 RETALIATOR (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.20 MOUNTSORREL MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (£2,427: 1m 1f 218yd) (9 runners)

1 0 CLASSIC CONKERS 14 Pat Mitchell 4-9-7 M Fenton 5
2 0-00 SANS EGALE 15 Lady Herries 4-9-2 G Arnolda (7) 3
3 63/0 SARTEANO 9 T Donnelly 4-9-2 P Fessey 1
4 0 AGENT LE BLANC 19 T Etherington 3-8-11 G Carter 7
5 0 BARON LAZLO 28 R Whitaker 3-8-11 Dean McKeown 4
6 2 DUEL ISLAND 10 J Spearing 3-8-11 J F Egan 2
7 2 TAI TAM WARRIOR 38 H Collingridge 3-8-11 M Rimmer 6
8 420 THE GAMBOLLER 45 Mrs A Perrett 3-8-11 D Harrison 8
9 60 BENS GIFT 10 C Wall 3-8-6 B Hind 9

13-8 The Gamboller, 7-2 Tai Tam Warrior, 4-1 Duel Island, 8-1 Agent Le Blanc, 10-1 Bens Gift, 12-1 Sans Egale, 14-1 Classic Conkers, 25-1 others.

2.50 SUTTON SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,968: 5f 2yd) (11)

1 3301 COSMO JACK 10 (D,G) B Meehan 9-2 W R Swinburn 2
2 0 NINIAN BELL 30 Miss J Craze 8-11 S Webster 11
3 00 RAYWARE LAD 43 (B) D Shaw 8-11 A Clark 1
4 00 RUDCROFT 80 (B) N Bycroft 8-11 P McCabe 5
5 0601 YORKSHIRE GRIT 14 (D,G) R Whitaker 8-11 Dean McKeown 4
6 0003 GO SALLY GO 14 R Craggs 8-6 T Williams 6
7 004 KILBOWIE HILL 14 D McCain 8-6 W J O'Connor 9
8 0040 MAYFAIR BALLERINA 10 W G M Turner 8-6 L Newman (7) 3
9 NICHOLAS MISTRESS P Evans 8-6 J F Egan 8
10 06 TERESHKOVA'S JOY 26 K Wingrove 8-6 Declan O'Shea 10
11 054 WIND IN WINNIPEG 14 J Wainwright 8-6 G Carter 7

9-4 Cosmo Jack, 9-2 Yorkshire Grit, 5-1 Kilbowie Hill, 6-1 Wind In Winnipeg, 7-1 Go Sally Go, 8-1 Mayfair Ballerina, 10-1 Nicholas Mistress, 33-1 others.

3.20 SCRAPTOFT HANDICAP (£4,013: 7f 9yd) (12)

1 2000 ARTERXERXES 20 (V,D,F) M Heaton-Ellis 5-10-0 A Clark 2
2 1000 BIG BEN 22 (D,F,S) R Hannon 4-9-10 Dane O'Neill 8
3 32-6 ELJJANAH 26 (BF) J Dunlop 3-9-8 R Hills 12
4 0400 MIKE'S DOUBLE 14 (V,D,G) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-11 P McCabe 7
5 4036 DENBRAE 12 (CD,F,G) D Murray Smith 6-8-11 G Duffield 4
6 -005 SILVER LINING 22 (CD,F,S) A P Jones 4-8-10 B Carter 3
7 06-0 MOROCCO 6 (D,F,S) M Channon 9-8-10 A Eddery (7) 9
8 6045 SAMARA SONG 8 (CD,F) I Williams 5-8-7 R Ffrench 5
9 000- JUPITER 318 G Bravery 4-8-5 M Fenton 11
10 0001 TAYOVULLIN 19 (D,G) H Morrison 4-8-2 C Rutter 6
11 0530 RA RA RASPUTIN 12 B McMahon 3-8-1 J F Egan 10
12 -003 PRESS AGAIN 17 P Hayward 8-7-10 P Doe (5) 1

7-2 Eljjanah, 5-1 Samara Song, 11-2 Ra Ra Rasputin, 7-1 Morocco, Tayovullin, 10-1 Big Ben, Denbrae, 12-1 others.

3.50 TATTERSALLS AUCTION NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,753: 5f 218yd) (7)

1 422 PRINCE PROSPECT 13 J Noseda 9-7 W R Swinburn 7
2 2523 PISCES LAD 8 S Dow 9-1 P Doe (5) 6
3 3214 CAPPELLA 31 (S) R Hannon 8-12 Dane O'Neill 3
4 0408 EMPYREAN 23 J Eustace 8-6 J Tate 2
5 6300 BUNDY 13 M Channon 8-6 R Perham 5
6 633 RETALIATOR 47 M Bell 8-3 M Fenton 1
7 8300 GRECIAN TALE 36 A Jarvis 8-2 J F Egan 4

11-4 Cappella, 3-1 Prince Prospect, 11-2 Pisces Lad, 6-1 Grecian Tale, 13-2 Retaliator, 8-1 Empyrean, Bundy.

4.20 APPLEBY CLAIMING STAKES (£2,259: 1m 3f 183yd) (8)

1 1112 FLYING EAGLE 5 (G,S) R Simpson 7-9-13 M Gallagher 7
2 4116 GOLDEN THUNDERBOLT 13 (D,F,G) N Tinkler 5-9-9 Dean McKeown 6
3 /24/ BOLSHOI 124J (G) M Muggeridge 5-9-5 Dane O'Neill 1
4 0-55 MONUMENT 23 (BF,F) J King 6-9-5 R Havlin (3) 8
5 151- GRAY PASTEL 47J (D,G) M Pipe 4-8-13 G Carter 5
6 HUSBIRD Mrs N Macauley 3-8-7 P McCabe 2
7 00 BROWN SUGAR 23 M Blanshard 3-7-10 Dale Gibson 4
8 -0R0 ESTERELLE 20 P S McEntee 3-7-10 G Bardwell 3

2-1 Gray Pastel, 5-2 Flying Eagle, 4-1 Golden Thunderbolt, Monument, 16-1 Bolshoi, 25-1 Husbird, Brown Sugar, 33-1 Esterelle.

4.50 BURTON HANDICAP (£3,246: 5f 218yd) (16)

1 4200 BINTANG TIMOR 18 W Musson 4-9-12 P McCabe 1
2 2506 NAPOLEON STAR 14 (B,D,F) Miss J Craze 7-9-0 S Webster 8
3 0232 TIME TO TANGO 9 (F) G M Moore 5-8-13 G Duffield 11
4 0034 PETITE DANSEUSE 17 (BF,CD,F,G) D Chapman 4-8-12 Dean McKeown 9
5 2404 CZAR WARS 10 (S) P Dalton 3-8-12 J Bramhill 14
6 3004 SUPERBIT 5 (B,BF,D,F,G,S) B McMahon 6-8-11 J F Egan 6
7 0641 ICE AGE 14 (B,D,F,G) R Williams 4-8-8 D Biggs 2
8 5400 LEOFRIC 19 (B) M Polglase 3-8-7 D Harrison 3
9 5000 BATALEUR 24 (D,S) G Woodward 5-8-5 G Carter 5
10 -603 LAS VISTAS 19 H Collingridge 4-8-4 K W Marks 16
11 1640 ROBO MAGIC 47 (D,F) L Montague Hall 6-8-3 A Clark 15
12 0064 WILL TO WIN 5 (D) P Murphy 4-8-3 R Perham 12
13 0603 CAPTAIN CARAT 6 (D,F,G) D Chapman 7-8-1 T Williams 10
14 5334 MARINO STREET 6 (V,C,G) P Evans 5-7-12 C Cogan (7) 7
15 0006 BALLARD LADY 14 (V,D,G,S) J Wainwright 6-7-11 C Rutter 4
16 0000 PATHAZE 2 (F) N Bycroft 5-7-10 P Fessey 13

4-1 Time To Tango, 7-1 Superbit, 8-1 Bintang Timor, Petite Danseuse, Ice Age, 10-1 Czar Wars, Robo Magic, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: A Jones, 3 winners from 10 runners, 30.0%; J Dunlop, 25 from 128, 19.6%; R Hannon, 27 from 166, 16.3%; N Tinkler, 3 from 26, 11.5%; W G M Turner, 3 from 26, 11.5%; M Pipe, 3 from 29, 10.3%.

JOCKEYS: W R Swinburn, 8 winners from 57 rides, 14.0%; R Perham, 7 from 57, 12.3%; Dane O'Neill, 10 from 84, 11.9%; R Hills, 10 from 89, 11.2%; M Rimmer, 4 from 37, 10.8%; D Biggs, 6 from 56, 10.7%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Bath: 2.00 Mucho Color, 2.30 Bon Voyage, 3.00 Take A Turn. Doncaster: 2.40 Risky Experience. Leicester: 2.50 Rayware Lad, Rudcroft. 3.20 Arterxerxes.

DONCASTER

THUNDERER
2.10 Enemy Action
2.40 Northern Svengali
3.10 Rainbow Ways
3.40 NAVIASKY (nap)
4.10 Cadette
4.40 Weetman's Weigh

Timekeeper's top rating: 3.40 GRALMANO.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.10 Aginor. 4.10 Cadette.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. Timekeeper's speed rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM TOTE JACKPOT MEETING
DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.10 CAPRICORN NOVICE FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,528: 6f) (3 runners)

101 (3) 10 BLUE MELODY 9 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) D Loder 9-1 L Dettori 78
102 (2) 1 ENEMY ACTION 34 (D,G) (Cliveden Stud) H Cecil 9-1 K Fallon 55
103 (1) 44 BOLD SHADOW 13 (Prime Racing) R Fahey 8-9 J Fortune 20

BETTING: 10-11 Enemy Action, evens Blue Melody, 20-1 Bold Shadow.

1997: NO CORRESPONDING MEETING

FORM FOCUS: Blue Melody 5l 8th of 10 to Wannabe Grand in 2yo fillies group 2 stakes at Newmarket (6f, firm). Enemy Action beat Maghaarb 1¾l in 9-runner 2yo maiden fillies at Goodwood (6f, good). Bold Shadow 6½l 4th of 6 to Henry Hall in 2yo novice stakes at Beverley (5f, good).

Enemy Action can be opposed with BLUE MELODY, who ran creditably in the Cherry Hinton

2.40 DONCASTER RACECOURSE SPONSORSHIP CLUB NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,558: 5f) (6 runners)

201 (2) 4020113 SWEET AS A NUT 9 (D,G,S) (Wessex House Racing) C Dwyer 9-7 G Faulkner (5) 68
202 (4) 020222 NORTHERN SVENGALI 5 (T Cox) T Barron 9-4 J Fortune 44
203 (3) 022500 GOLDEN REEF 9 (M Johnson) R Hollinshead 9-1 L Dettori 61
204 (6) 60326 DILETTO 22 (L Ferguson) E Alston 8-10 K Fallon 70
205 (1) 340 TOUS LES JOURS 13 (J Morrison) M Johnston 8-10 D Holland 66
206 (5) 6030 RISKY EXPERIENCE 22 (V) (Exors of the Late R Mason) P Evans 8-8 K Darley 68

BETTING: 5-2 Northern Svengali, 7-2 Tous Les Jours, 9-2 Sweet As A Nut, 5-1 Diletto, 6-1 Golden Reef, 13-2 Risky Experience.

FORM FOCUS: Sweet As A Nut 1½l 3rd of 8 to Courtesan in 2yo handicap at Pontefract (6f, good) with Golden Reef (levels) 5l 7th. Northern Svengali 2½l 2nd of 7 to Perugino Bay in 2yo handicap at York (5f, firm). Diletto 7½l 6th of 9 to Snap Cracker in 2yo novice stakes at Chester (5f 16yd, good to soft) with Risky Experience (2lb better off) 8½l 7th. Tous Les Jours 6¼l 8th of 10 to Alpha in 2yo maiden stakes at Beverley (5f, good).

TOUS LES JOURS looks a class above these, and today's faster ground is an advantage

3.10 GREENWICH NATWEST MAIDEN STAKES (£3,688: 1m 4f) (7 runners)

301 (7) 3 AGINOR 15 (Mrs I Tsatsos) H Cecil 4-9-10 K Fallon 33
302 (5) 6/4 ELUSIVE STAR 9 (W Glazer) Mrs M Reveley 8-9-5 A Culhane 31
303 (3) 0606 ABULJJOOD 15 (B) (H al-Maktoum) B Hanbury 3-8-12 L Dettori 82
304 (6) 5 DOUBLET 31 (The Queen) I Balding 3-8-12 S Whitworth –
305 (4) 24-34 RAINBOW WAYS 61 (BF) (M al-Maktoum) B Hills 3-8-12 M Hills 88
306 (1) 0 ASSAFIYAH 27 (Prince A Faisal) H Cecil 3-8-7 W Ryan 46
307 (2) JAHANARA (P Jackson) B Hanbury 3-8-7 D O'Donohoe –

BETTING: 15-8 Rainbow Ways, 3-1 Aginor, 9-2 Doublet, Assafiyah, 12-1 Abuljjood, 14-1 Elusive Star, 20-1 Jahanara.

FORM FOCUS: Aginor 2¾l 3rd of 7 to Kadaka in maiden stakes at Yarmouth (1m 3f 101yd, good) with Abuljjood (levels) 14l 6th. Elusive Star 12l 4th of 8 to Brigade Charge in maiden stakes at Pontefract (1m 4f 8yd, good). Doublet 9¾l 5th of 21 to Coulthard in maiden stakes at Windsor (1m 2f 7yd, soft). Rainbow Ways 5½l 4th of 7 to Jaazim in 3yo handicap at Newbury (1m 4f 5yd, good to firm). Assafiyah 13l 9th of 15 to Olive The Twist in 3yo maiden stakes at Newmarket (1m 2f, good). Jahanara Selkirk filly, half-sister to several winners on the Flat and over hurdles.

RAINBOW WAYS caught the eye on his debut here behind Achilles

3.40 49'S HANDICAP [SHOWCASE RACE] (3-Y-O: £7,295: 1m 2f 60yd) (8 runners)

401 (6) 0-210 TANKERSLEY 30 (S) (W Sylvester) P D'Arcy 9-7 R Cochrane 68
402 (8) 41 ZAKUSKA 19 (CD,G) (Clark Industrial Services Partnership) H Cecil 9-5 K Fallon 82
403 (2) 3143-23 SIMPLY GIFTED 21 (BF,G) (S Hammond) T Easterby 9-4 L Charnock 82
404 (5) -504231 NASKHI 19 (D,F,S) (S Manana) M Johnston 9-3 D Holland 80
405 (3) 1320430 GRALMANO 28 (Coleorton Moor Racing) N Littmoden 9-1 S Whitworth 100
406 (4) 43-0104 CHRYSOLITE 18 (F) (A Shead) B Hills 8-12 M Hills 77
407 (7) 0-0464 TROJAN WOLF 9 (K MacPherson) M Tompkins 8-10 J Fortune 82
408 (1) 0004413 NAVIASKY 12 (BF,F,S) (N Morton) Mrs J Ramsden 8-3 W Supple 79

BETTING: 7-2 Zakuska, 4-1 Simply Gifted, 5-1 Naskhi, Naviasky, 6-1 Chrysolite, 8-1 Gralmano, Trojan Wolf, 14-1 Tankersley.

FORM FOCUS: Tankersley 11l 21st of 31 to Plan-B in 3yo handicap at Ascot (1m, good to soft). Zakuska beat Murghem ½l in 14-runner maiden stakes at Doncaster (1m 2f 60yd, good). Simply Gifted 6¼l 3rd of 7 to Secret Saver in 3yo handicap at Newcastle (1m 4f 93yd, good). Naskhi beat French Connection 1¼l in 4-runner 3yo handicap at Newcastle (1m 2f 32yd, soft). Gralmano 7¾l 8th of 17 to Double Classic in 3yo handicap at Ascot (1m 4f, soft). Chrysolite 6¾l 4th of 6 to River Beat in 3yo handicap at Goodwood (1m 1f 192yd, good to firm). Trojan Wolf 3½l 4th of 11 to Wadi in maiden stakes at Pontefract (1m 2f 6yd, good). Naviasky 1¼l 3rd of 7 to Hadith in 3yo handicap at Beverley (1m 100yd, good).

The consistent GRALMANO has the beating of these on Royal Ascot run

4.10 GREAT LEGER RACING GAME GAMBLE MAIDEN STAKES (£3,818: 1m) (9 runners)

501 (5) LORD LAMB 449J (A Sharratt & J Renton) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-7 A Culhane –
502 (7) 0 SHEER WARNING 69 (R Arculli) R Armstrong 4-9-7 R Price 61
503 (4) 0- ABU CAMP 275 (J Manser) M Heaton-Ellis 3-8-13 J Fortune 46
504 (2) 2 CADETTE 24 (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-13 L Dettori 81
505 (6) EUROLINK GIORGIANO (Eurolink Group Plc) H Cecil 3-8-13 K Fallon –
506 (8) 0 GRANGEVILLE 92 (G Strawbridge) I Balding 3-8-13 S Whitworth 59
507 (9) 00 SINGER SARGENT 10 (Mr Tabor) M Stoute 3-8-13 K Darley 42
508 (3) 03 THE ACCOUNTANT 7 (Mrs M Slater) Mrs J Cecil 3-8-13 J Weaver 73
509 (1) 50 LONDON BE GOOD 19 (J Allen) J Fanshawe 3-8-8 R Cochrane 80

BETTING: 9-4 Cadette, 7-2 Eurolink Giorgiano, 5-1 Singer Sargent, 6-1 Grangeville, 8-1 Sheer Warning, 10-1 The Accountant, 16-1 Lord Lamb, Abu Camp, 20-1 London Be Good.

FORM FOCUS: Lord Lamb Dunbeath gelding out of Caroline Lamb. Sheer Warning 6¼l 7th of 11 to Prospectress in maiden stakes at Lingfield (7f, good to firm). Abu Camp 18l 11th of 13 to Brave Reward in 2yo maiden stakes at Leicester (7f 9yd, good to soft). Cadette 1¾l 2nd of 11 to Wealthy Star in maiden stakes at Nottingham (1m 54yd, good). Eurolink Giorgiano Selkirk colt out of Taiga. Grangeville 11l 9th of 19 to The Sandily in 3yo maiden stakes at Newmarket (1m, soft) with Singer Sargent (levels) 19l 14th. Singer Sargent 9¼l 7th of 12 to Klemah in maiden stakes at Ripon (1m, good). The Accountant 6l 3rd of 12 to Free Option in 3yo maiden stakes at Lingfield (7f 140yd, good to firm). London Be Good 31l 10th of 14 to Zakuska in maiden stakes at Doncaster (1m 2f 60yd, good).

CADETTE showed promise in a good maiden on his debut and can open his account

4.40 BEACHCOMBER HANDICAP (£3,980: 7f) (17 runners)

601 (14) 6030136 PERICLES 8 (D,G,S) (Miss G Kelleway) Miss G Kelleway 4-10-0 L Dettori 90
602 (7) 5-20334 SAFEY ANA 9 (D,F,G) (Optimists Racing Partnership) B Hanbury 7-10-0 W Ryan 74
603 (17) -104600 WEETMAN'S WEIGH 55 (D,F,S) (E Weetman) R Hollinshead 5-9-11 K Fallon 79
604 (4) 5-00030 ROYAL RESULT 6 (D,F) (M Burke's 5th Family S'ment) M W Easterby 5-9-9 T Lucas 79
605 (5) 3053030 PRIDE OF PENDLE 6 (C,D,F,G,S) (Mrs L Miller) M Wane 9-9-9 A Whelan 74
606 (6) 0063402 MOUCHE 9 (BF,F) (Mrs P Hastings) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-6 J Fortune 86
607 (11) -201026 FINISTERRE 12 (D,G,S) (Les Femmes Fatales) J J O'Neill 5-9-5 K Darley 73
608 (12) -055402 RYMER'S RASCAL 15 (D,F,S) (B Chambers) E Alston 6-9-3 W Supple 79
609 (16) 60-306 AMAZING FACT 23 (L Lazarus) Lady Herries 3-9-2 R Cochrane 60
610 (9) 00-2002 MAITEAMIA 7 (B,G,S) (Mrs Z Grant) S Bowring 5-9-0 C Teague (3) 63
611 (13) 040100- SILVER SECRET 118J (F) (R Atwood) S Gollings 4-8-12 J Weaver 68
612 (1) 300-000 THWAAB 21 (F,G) (J Blythe) F Watson 6-8-11 N Kennedy 82
613 (8) 00-2110 SOUPERFICIAL 16 (D,F,S) (Mrs C Cawley) Enrico Incisa 7-8-10 Kim Tinkler 75
614 (10) 0060241 BOLLIN ETHOS 14 (D,G) (Sir Neil Westbrook) T Easterby 3-8-9 L Charnock 69
615 (15) 0-00116 OCHOS RIOS 13 (C,D,F,G,S) (J Young) B Rothwell 7-8-7 C Lowther 78
616 (2) 0040-06 OXBANE 14 (J Purcell) Mrs S Lamyman 4-7-13 R Winston (5) 88
617 (3) 0-25332 READY FONTAINE 12 (T Wadsworth) J Neville 3-7-10 A Mackay 73

Long handicap: Ready Fontaine 7-9.

BETTING: 6-1 Mouche, 7-1 Rymer's Rascal, Bollin Ethos, 8-1 Safey Ana, Royal Result, Pride Of Pendle, 12-1 Pericles, Finisterre, Amazing Fact, Maiteamia, 14-1 others.

FORM FOCUS: Pericles 2½l 6th of 13 to Smarter Charter in handicap at Kempton (1m, good to firm). Safey Ana 2¼l 4th of 20 to Mount Holly in handicap at Newmarket (1m, firm). Weetman's Weigh 11l 9th of 17 to Young Precedent in handicap at Haydock (1m 30yd, good). Royal Result 2½l 7th of 12 to Young Precedent in handicap at York (7f 202yd, good to firm) with Pride Of Pendle (levels) 5¾l 9th. Mouche 1¾l 2nd of 14 to Fifth Emerald in fillies handicap at Pontefract (1m 4yd, good). Finisterre 5¼l 6th of 7 to Jeffrey Anotherred in stakes at Carlisle (5f 207yd, good to firm). Rymer's Rascal ½l 2nd of 10 to Cybertechnology in handicap at Redcar (7f, good to soft). Amazing Fact 13l 6th of 7 to Harmony in 3yo maiden stakes at Beverley (1m 100yd, good). Maiteamia 3l 2nd of 9 to Marigliano in claiming stakes at Southwell (7f, AW, fibresand). Silver Secret 7¾l 8th of 19 to Middle East in stakes at Nottingham (6f 15yd, good to firm) with Souperficial (4lb better off) 8¾l 11th. Thwaab 12l 8th of 14 to Night Flight in handicap at Newcastle (6f, good). Souperficial 9½l last of 7 to Unshaken in stakes at Hamilton (6f 5yd, good to soft). Bollin Ethos beat Erro Codigo ½l in 15-runner 3yo handicap at Catterick (7f, good). Ochos Rios 5¾l 6th of 15 to Fancy A Fortune in selling handicap at Beverley (7f 100yd, good). Oxbane 6¼l 6th of 12 to Ice Age in handicap at Yarmouth (6f 3yd, good). Ready Fontaine 8l 2nd of 11 to Anthony Mon Amour in 3yo maiden handicap at Chepstow (6f 16yd, good).

MOUCHE showed signs of returning to form last time and today's trip will suit

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M Stoute	17	86	19.8	L Dettori	30	193	15.5
D Loder	9	50	18.0	K Fallon	31	217	14.3
Miss G Kelleway	9	52	17.3	A Mackay	8	60	13.3

Xaar returns

XAAR, unraced since his 2,000 Guineas disappointment in May, is among seven acceptors for the group two Prix Eugene Adam at Maisons-Laffitte on Sunday. He may face Henry Cecil's St James's Palace Stakes winner, Dr Fong, who was previously third in the Prix Jean Prat.

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Hancock: unworthy end

Struggling Sussex find festival spirit elusive

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

CHELTENHAM (second day of four): Sussex, with four second-innings wickets in hand, are 71 runs ahead of Gloucestershire

CHELTENHAM really is the best place in England, outside Lord's, to watch cricket. Even Sussex might admit that, through gritted teeth. With the college chapel keeping watch over the ground, and the tents that ring it resounding to chatter and laughter, this is the finest of the festival grounds. Everybody knows it, but it is still worth saying. On the thinnest of days, and this wasn't exactly a feast, there is always something to celebrate.

Yesterday, as Gloucestershire ground out a lead of 47 and then worked their way through Sussex to hunt a victory in two and a bit days, it was a time to celebrate Nico Craven's love affair with the place. Since he wrote his first festschrift in 1969 he has published 29 more, 29 recollections of the previous summer's cricket, and each year he has invited a prominent cricket writer to contribute a foreword. It was a measure of their love for Cheltenham fortnight that so many of them turned up. There was Frank Keating, resplendently a son of Gloucestershire, full of bonny vim and vigour. Matthew Engel, the Editor of *Wisden*, and Graeme Wright, a past one, were present, and so was Peter West, a Gloucestershire resident these past 15 years. And, of course, that splendid West-Country scribe, David Foot, the biographer of Hammond, who was looking more than ever like somebody who has just walked out of a Jan Steen tavern scene, a trifle unsteady on his pins, perhaps, and ready for a game of quoits.

For much of the day the cricket was anything but alehouse stuff. Sussex, for the second time in the match, batted as though they had dined on bread and water. To give themselves a chance of winning they needed one of their strokeplayers, Adams or Bevan, to make a formidable hundred, but they contributed only seven runs between them, and Gloucestershire will turn up this morning hoping to settle their account promptly.

The way Hancock resumed his innings in the morning, he was clearly intent on making a jolly hundred. He plundered boundaries on both sides of the wicket with pleasing strokes until he reached for a wide ball from Kirtley that kept low and nicked a catch to Humphries. It was a dreadful ball, no way for a batsman to go, and Hancock must have felt a fool as he departed.

Robinson, who bowled a good, steady spell from the chapel end, took two of the next three wickets to fall, at which point Gloucestershire were 170 for seven, still 21 runs short of Sussex's first-innings score. It was due entirely to Ball and (surprise, surprise) Russell that they ended up with an advantage.

Oddly, it was the first time in four matches that they had taken a single batting point, which says something about their ability to win matches from unpromising positions, which in turn says something about their spirit. Immediately they removed Khan, or rather Smith did, as he moved the ball away, and Walsh was soon finding more life in the pitch than anybody had seen hitherto.

Newell could not resist when the Jamaican returned after tea, and his dull little innings ended with Russell's second catch. Adams mistimed a stroke intended for the on side as far as point, Alleyne held Bevan neatly at slip, Taylor clipped a low one to mid-wicket, and Martin-Jenkins was caught behind. "Chelters" works like a charm for the Glosters!

Batt has a great day with the ball

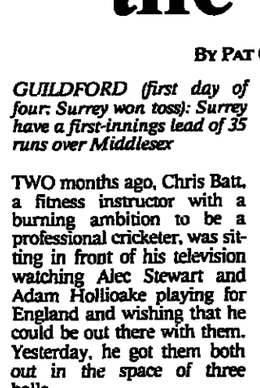
BY PAT GIBSON

GUILDFORD (first day of four: Surrey won toss): Surrey have a first-innings lead of 35 runs over Middlesex

TWO months ago, Chris Batt, a fitness instructor with a burning ambition to be a professional cricketer, was sitting in front of his television watching Alec Stewart and Adam Hollioake playing for England and wishing that he could be out there with them. Yesterday, he got them both out in the space of three balls.

It was that kind of day at Guildford, a day that defied explanation as Surrey, the county championship leaders, fought to hold off the challenge of Middlesex, their great metropolitan rivals who have won the title six times since they last hoisted the pennant in 1971.

Twenty wickets fell, five of them to Batt and four to Angus Fraser as Surrey were bowled out for 150, four to Alex Tudor


Fraser: four wickets

and three to Martin Bicknell as Middlesex were skittled for 115.

Yet there was no question of the umpires. Ken Palmer and Jeremy Lloyds, condemning the pitch in their obligatory report to Lord's. It was slow and low — at least it was until Tudor started to bowl on it — and Palmer said: "There is nothing wrong with the pitch. It was all down to the fact that the ball swung a bit and seamed a bit, allied to poor batting."

It is best to begin at the beginning. Middlesex had never visited this Surrey outpost, picturesque enough with its tents and marquees but noisy, with a main road on one side and a railway line on the other, since county cricket first came here 60 years ago.

Indeed it seemed somewhat incongruous to find them here now when their second teams were playing at the Oval in front of the proverbial three men and a dog.

They were not complaining, though, when they promptly questioned Surrey's decision to bat first by reducing them to seven for three with three England batsmen failing to make a run between them.

Butcher, playing his first game since suffering the thumb injury which cost him his England place and desperate to prove his form and fitness before the selectors pick the team for the next Test, was the first to go, getting a leading edge to a sluggish delivery from Fraser and lobbing it to mid-off.

Then, in Batt's second over, Stewart, trying to cut with no great conviction, dragged the ball on to his stumps, and two balls later Adam Hollioake was leg-before, half forward to the left-arm fast bowler's classical inswinger.

Ward, a compact left-hander who is making a success of his second stab at a cricket career, and the always positive Brown stopped the rot with a fourth-wicket partnership of 85 before Brown, having just swept Tufnell for his ninth four to reach his 50, had a familiar rush of blood and drove him to mid-off.

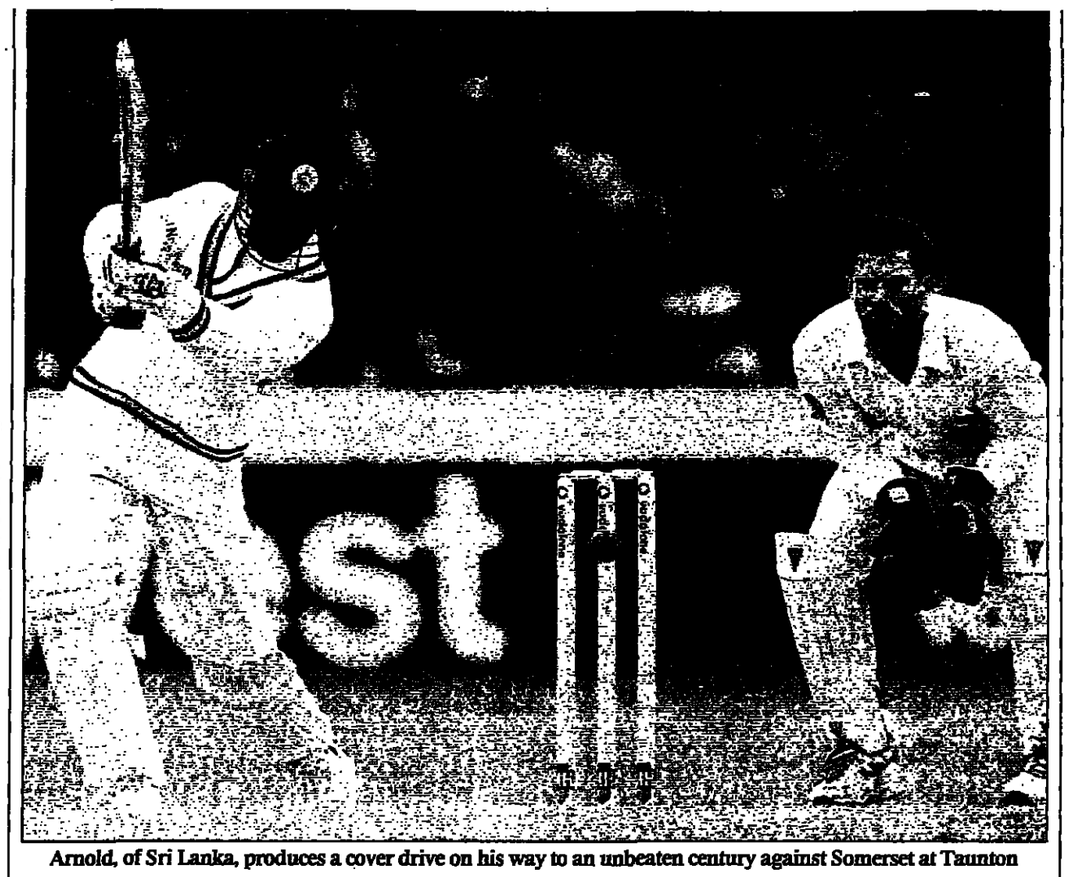
The rest belonged to Batt and Fraser, the former taking three for six in 16 balls to extend his dream start to championship cricket, the latter three for two in 16 balls to provide a timely reminder of his wicket-taking ability.

Batt, 21, finished with five for 51 to add to his six for 101 on his championship debut against Nottinghamshire and could hardly believe what was happening to him. He spent last season on trial with Sussex but they did not offer him a contract and he had joined the Lord's groundstaff before Middlesex took him on eight weeks ago.

It did not take long for the Surrey seamers, who have ambitions of their own, to hit back. Bicknell, who must be pushing Fraser for his England place, did his prospects no harm by bowling Gatting and Nash and having Langer leg-before.

Tudor got more life out of the pitch than anybody to have Ramprakash caught behind and Weekes taken in the gully, and Ben Hollioake got into the act when he forced Dutch to edge to second slip.

There was still time for Saqlain to take two wickets in successive balls and Tudor to wrap up the innings, ending Brown's brave resistance by having him leg-before and claiming Tufnell at cover.


Arnold, of Sri Lanka, produces a cover drive on his way to an unbeaten century against Somerset at Taunton

Arnold restores air of discipline

BY IVO TENNANT

TAUNTON (second day of three): The Sri Lankans, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are seven runs ahead of Somerset

THE Sri Lankans learnt yesterday that uninhibited strokeplay against the moving ball is not always the most sure way of avoiding the follow-on in English conditions. Bowled out for 130 by Somerset, they batted with considerably more practical sense in their second innings. Russel Arnold made an unbeaten century that was as disciplined as it was engrossing to watch.

There were runs, too, for Atapattu and Tillekeratne. By the close, the Sri Lankans were batting as if it was they, and not Somerset, who had forged a first innings lead. Arnold's century came off just 113 balls, which would suggest an intoxicating and exhilarating piece of batting. So it was, but this was intermingled with watchful defence. He gave just one chance, to mid-wicket, when on 31, and although Parsons claimed a catch, it was adjudged to be a bump ball.

Arnold is 23, left-handed and upright, of Dutch burgher descent on his father's side, and has played in three Test matches. He made a half-century in the second of these, against Pakistan last year, and also captained Sri Lanka A against England A last winter.

When time permits, he appears for the Nondescripts Club in Colombo. If there is to be a place for him in their Test side at the Oval next month, it is most likely to be as an opening batsman.

He and Tillekeratne, who achieved a half-century just before the close, added an unbroken 116. Somerset, who are without Caddick, tried eight bowlers, none of whom managed to swing the ball or to move it off the pitch as Bulbeck, Jones, and Trott had done in the morning. Eight for two overnight, the Sri Lankans collapsed to 58 for six, and, in due course were inevitably made to follow on. It was hard to imagine that they could bat with a lack of discipline a second time, and so this proved.

That said, Somerset's medium pacers maintained a rigid line on off stump. Atapattu was beaten by one Bulbeck cut back at him, and Bandaratilleke, the nightwatchman, was taken at the wicket two balls later.

Jayawardene lost his middle stump, playing all round one from Trott, who then yorked Kaluwitharana. When Trescothick came on, he had Dharmasena taken behind, off one that moved away. Wickremasinghe top-edged a pull.

None of this was impressive batting, but that did not disconcert the Sri Lankans for long. They are never other than thoroughly entertaining cricketers.

Bowlers resuscitate Durham

BY JOHN STERN

CHESTER-LE-STREET (second day of three): the South Africans, with six second-innings wickets in hand, are 125 runs ahead of Durham

LIFE was breathed into this rather listless day late in the evening by Durham's exciting new-ball tyros, Melvyn Betts and Steve Harmison. A spell of 15 wholehearted overs by these two extremely promising bowlers reduced the South Africans to 49 for four and gave Durham an outside possibility of winning this fixture.

The bounce is becoming increasingly uneven, so any fourth-innings target against an attack containing Allan Donald, even though he failed to take a wicket yesterday, will be a stiff one.

After Durham were bowled out for 286, leaving a deficit of 76, Betts and Harmison, who have sent down around 300 overs each in the championship this season, ran in with fire in their bellies. Betts bowled Kirsten with a full-length ball and hurried Rhodes into top-edging a hook to Harmison at short leg.

Cullinan, who made 200 not out in the first innings, scored only a single this time before being bowled, with feet conspicuously static, by Harmison. David Boon brought on Nicky Phillips, the off-spinner, to replace Harmison and, in his first over, he had Brian McMillan leg before playing back.

Durham's total was bolstered by 69 extras, while none of their batsman managed more than 39, although many had played themselves in. So, there will have been frustration in their camp but the South Africans will not be overjoyed at the number of no-balls — 29 in all, at two runs a time — conceded by their bowlers. Mornantau Hayward, their rapid but unpolished new-ball bowler, was the main offender, transgressing 15 times in 12 overs.

One member of the tour party who will have little concern for such triviality is Pat Symcox, who, at 38, took his first five-wicket haul in South African colours and the fifth of a first-class career that stretches back to 1979. Unless the Trent Bridge pitch resembles a sandpit, the chances of a recall to the Test side are negligible, but he will have still enjoyed his day.

Michael Gough, 18, the Durham opener who batted for four hours against the South Africa Under-19 team in Cape Town during the winter to save a match, occupied the crease for more than three hours in making the top score of 39 before being run out.

Boon had moved comfortably to 31 before he received one from Symcox that bounced unexpectedly, resulting in him being caught at silly point.

Lancashire unable to overcome tenacity of Illingworth

BY BARNEY SPENDER

LYTHAM (second day of four): Lancashire, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 155 runs behind Worcestershire

THE sun may have shone and another good holiday crowd may have basked in its tepid warmth. Otherwise, though, this was not a good day for Lancashire. The Worcestershire tail extended their first innings almost until lunch and then struggled to reach the follow-on mark of 201.

Add to that the ankle injury that is likely to rule Neil Fairbrother out of action for the next three weeks and the march towards the Britannic Assurance county championship was more of a limp.

With Wasim Akram still at the crease, they should comfortably make the six runs that they still need to avoid the follow-on, but unless the captain can improve on his poor record of three centuries in ten years with the county, they are still likely to face a stiff battle just to draw.

It will be all the harder for the absence of Fairbrother, whose wretched run of ill luck with injuries continued when he trod on the ball on the fine-leg boundary and tore ligaments in his right ankle. He has already been sidelined this season by injuries to finger, groin and calf and, ironically, he was only fielding on the boundary because he split a finger taking a catch in the slips on the first day.

In Lancashire's favour, perhaps, is the fact that the pitch looks easier than it did on the first day, but there is still enough movement to encourage the seamers. Richard Illingworth, not renowned as a big spinner of the ball, also got the ball that removed Crawley to spit and pop in a way that suggests he may prove to be an awkward customer on the final day.

Illingworth also played an important part in the morning, combining with Lampitt to take Worcestershire through to full batting points. Dropped on three by Watkinson, the sixth catch spurned by Lancashire in the innings, Illingworth went on to make a very good fifty before becoming Warren Hegg's sixth victim of the innings.

Michael Atherton went early, caught in the gully, but Crawley made a cultured 39 and Mike Watkinson, whose luck changed when he was dropped by Moody on 25, went on to make his second championship fifty of the summer. Watkinson, growing in confidence, produced some commanding drives and one massive six off Illingworth over long-off before falling to a straight ball from Leatherdale.

Hampshire delayed by spirited show of lower order

BY RUPERT COX

EDGBASTON (first day of four: Warwickshire won toss): Warwickshire have scored 356 for nine wickets against Hampshire

ALTHOUGH the floodlit Axa League match on Tuesday produced a mere 260 runs, yesterday's championship fare, on the same Edgbaston wicket, saw the depth of Warwickshire's batting claw them back into the contest after they had slumped to 18 for three in the ninth over. By the close, Hampshire's fortunes had turned full circle as the tail took a heavy toll on a dispirited attack.

Despite the withdrawal of Nick Knight, with tendinitis in his left heel, Brian Lara, Warwickshire's captain, elected to bat on a well-used wicket that will make chasing a total in excess of 200, in the final innings, an onerous task. Meanwhile, the England selectors have been advised that Knight's injury should not prevent him playing in the fourth Test match at Trent Bridge next week, though he has only a floodlit match in which to prove his fitness.

Knight's omission, and the continued absence of Andy Moles, handed Tony Frost, the deputy wicketkeeper, an opportunity to open. He soon lost his partner, Michael Powell, after Nixon McLean, who had lost his run-up, elected to bowl off a three-yard run, and Powell, anticipating a bouncer, could only glove to Aymes. When Frost, driving at Peter Hartley, inside-edged onto his stumps and David Hemp was undone by McLean's extra pace, a meaningful total seemed to depend on Lara.

Though he struck some bruising cuts and pulls in his 35, the initiation of Alex Morris into the attack was a temptation too far. Deceived by a slower delivery, Lara chipped Morris to wide mid-on where Dimitri Mascarenhas held a fine catch.

As the afternoon sunshine broke through, the wicket noticeably eased, and with it Hampshire's incisiveness. The early travails of McLean and Hartley were negated by a resolute middle-order display, backed up, in typically belligerent style, by a thumping 80-ball half-century from Neil Smith. Even the shuffling of the batting order rewarded Warwickshire, as Keith Piper, promoted to No 7, formed an ideal foil to Dougie Brown in a stand of 69 in 18 overs.

Once the lateral movement, prevalent in the first session, had disappeared, wickets fell only by dint of overconfidence, with Brown pulling injudiciously at John Stephenson, while Piper pushed at a length ball from the same bowler, and Smith perished aiming another lusty blow at Morris.

Robinson punishes Yorkshire

BY RICHARD HOBSON

SCARBOROUGH (first day of four: Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 191 runs behind Nottinghamshire

TIM ROBINSON has attracted a pocket dictionary's worth of adjectives in his 21 years as a first-class cricketer. Dashing, daring, elegant and flamboyant are not among them. While he might not be the most endearing batsman to emerge from Nottinghamshire since the war, however, he is surely the most effective.

His county will miss him if he retires at the end of the season, as anticipated. So will Yorkshire. Robinson's total of six centuries against them is the best among Nottinghamshire players, and his innings of 114 in 278 minutes at the North Marine Road ground yesterday — the 63rd in a career of prosaic accumulation — may ultimately make the difference between victory and defeat.

Should that be the case, then Anthony McGrath would do well to lie low for a few days. McGrath dropped Robinson, on eight, at slip off Gough, after Nottinghamshire had already lost Dowman and Gallian to the new ball, and, by the time he held a much harder chance to terminate Robinson's innings, the game had changed markedly. A green pitch is barely distinguishable from the rest of the square, and Nottinghamshire's total of 234 gives them a chance if they bowl accurately.


Robinson: effective 114

The Yorkshire seam attack found pace and lift — even McGrath at slow medium pace managed a bouncer — but strayed off line too often. Robinson was hit on the hand by Silverwood early on and tested the patience of Gough with some streaky shots through the third-slip area, strangely vacant. He became a different proposition once past 50, though, and began to force through mid-wicket as of old.

In Usman Afzaal, Nottinghamshire have a young player who might succeed Robinson as the backbone of the top order. Though left-handed, he is equally compact and — imagine this — even more patient. He also enjoys a challenge and offered considerable assistance to his senior partner in a stand of 161 in 48 overs before, having scored 71, checking an attempted hook off Gough that ballooned to Blakey.

The remaining seven wickets yielded just 63 runs. Hamilton, generating swing, twice removed two batsmen in three balls to finish with figures of four for 59, while Gough took four for 72 in his first championship game since mid-May as the innings failed to kick on.

Franks, soon to undertake England Under-19 duties, beat both McGrath and Vaughan when Yorkshire began their reply. The openers appeared to have survived, but in the penultimate over, Evans nipped one back off the seam to have McGrath lbw.

Essex indebted to Hyam's grit

BY JACK BAILEY

SOUTHEND (first day of four: Essex won toss): Kent, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 284 runs behind Essex

ESSEX came to Southchurch Park with the Benson and Hedges Cup secure in the trophy case: but it was as if they could not shake free of the one-day mode so ably demonstrated by them last Saturday. One by one they established themselves and went for their shots, one by one they promised more than they delivered.

Nasser Hussain, Stuart Law and Ronnie Irani all moved into the 40s, but no further, and were out to aggressive or casual strokes. Had it not been for the application of the lower reaches of the batting order — and, especially, a stout unbeaten innings of 47 by Barry Hyam, the reserve Essex wicket keeper, Kent would have been left with considerably more than the seven overs batting that faced them.

Aided by Peter Such in a last-wicket stand worth 47, Hyam, Romford born and playing in only his second match of the season, applied himself well to the task at hand. He not only made his highest championship score, but ensured that his bowlers had something to bowl at in the context of a four-day match.

All of which is not to say that Kent bowled or fielded other than capably. The dominant force, as so often against Essex, was Carl Hooper, that most gifted of cricketers. Hooper it was who had a hand in four of the first seven wickets to fall, producing fine catches to be rid of Danny Law, Irani and Hussain and teasing Peters into playing an unworthy stroke.

Otherwise, McCague seemed to be finding some sort of rhythm, Fleming produced the odd golden ball and Alan Ealham was more like the Ealham who won his place, primarily as a bowler, in the England team. He accounted for Danny Law by forcing him


Hussain: chance wasted

on to the back foot and turning him square on, having earlier beaten Grayson as he played tentatively forward.

Danny Law had introduced himself by taking 14 off four balls in an over by Hooper. Nobody, not even Law's namesake, had played with quite such audacity but both Irani and Stuart Law played handsomely, as did Hussain, without wearing quite that air of permanence that the occasion demanded. There were, however, no alarums nor excursions as Key and Fulton safely negotiated the last seven overs of the day.

Kent's best chance of winning this match and keeping Essex at the bottom of the championship table would appear to lie with their first-innings total. In recent years, Southchurch Park has been known for the assistance it has given to the spinners during the later stages. Today could well be make or break.

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CRICKET: AUSTRALIA'S WOMEN HAVE LITTLE TROUBLE IN TAKING 2-0 LEAD IN ONE-DAY SERIES

England unable to score at required speed

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

DERBY (England won toss): Australia beat England by 64 runs

WOMEN'S cricket in England demands to be taken seriously these days and only misogynists would doubt its attraction. The players are younger, fitter and better coached, finances are stable and administration has been streamlined. All that is missing is a win over Australia.

Still setting the standards, still unarguably the best, Australia scored an emphatic victory yesterday and now lead the one-day series 2-0. England must win the remaining games — at Hove, Southampton and Lord's — to deny them and, on this evidence, it is a remote prospect.

As a spectacle, this game was ruined by a suet pudding of a pitch that made aggressive strokeplay hazardous and fast bowling thankless. With only 205 to chase, England would have sensed a chance, but they could make nothing of a varied attack that bowled skilfully to well-set fields.

This was not how England envisaged it in the second over of the morning, when they dismissed the one player capable of making a mockery of the *contest. Belinda Clark* may have been disorientated by the two nervous wides with which Lucy Pearson began her one-day international career, for she then played no stroke to an inswinger from the tall left-armer that would have taken out off stump.

England celebrated, as if the game had been won, but Australia set about proving that they do not depend unhealthily on runs from their captain. They retrenched patiently, then accelerated towards the 200 that always seemed likely to prove forbidding.

The bowling lacked devil — England have no one above medium pace — and occasionally direction, but two of the athletic youngsters improving the game's image, Sarah Collyer and Clare Connor, were impressively tidy under pressure. As a team, they fielded keenly and threw flat and accurately. They looked like sportswomen, which could not always be said of their predecessors. But still they could not prevent Australia making too many.

The key stand was between the fourth-wicket pair, Lisa Keightley and Melanie Jones, one immaculately correct and the other injecting a power unmatched all day. In 21 overs, they added 91.

Jones was born in Devon, of a Welsh mother and West Indian father, and her emigration has deprived England of an ability, rare in the women's game, to hit over the infield with regularity. Her half-century came from 65 balls and her innings was curtailed only by a smart stumping.

England now needed a positive response from the openers, who are also their two best players. What they could ill afford was the calamity that overtook them in the 12th over when Jan Brittin called for a single to cover and Jones's return was too fast for Charlotte Edwards.

Cathryn Fitzpatrick will have her day on less moribund pitches, but was still the liveliest bowler on view. The most beguilingly effective, though, was Olivia Magno, whose wrist spin accounted for four English wickets when the sides met in the World Cup last December. She took only one yesterday, but it was the critical one. As her runs fell behind the overs, Brittin advanced, missed and was bowled.

When Jane Cassar, whose husband Matthew plays for Derbyshire, was run out by Clark, England were 58 for four, with hope all but gone. The fifth wicket doubled the score, Karen Smithies batting with a captain's urgency for the second successive match, but England never threatened.

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Pearson is hoisted aloft by team-mates after dismissing Clark, the Australia captain

SCOREBOARD FROM DERBY

AUSTRALIA

*B Clark, lbw b Pearson	2
J Broadbent c Cassar b Taylor	29
L Keightley c Pearson b Reynard	59
K Rolton run out	9
M Jones st Cassar b Connor	58
B Calver not out	14
O Magno run out	17
†J Price not out	4
Extras (lb 1, lb 3, w 4)	12
Total (6 wkts, 50 overs)	204

C Fitzpatrick, C Mason and A Fahey did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-50, 3-69, 4-183, 5-198, 6-196

BOWLING: Taylor 10-2-20-1; Pearson 3-0-27-1, Collyer 10-2-38-0; Smithies 5-1-22-0; Connor 10-0-33-1; Leng 5-0-30-0, Reynard 7-0-30-1

ENGLAND

C Edwards run out	12
J Brittin b Magno	19
B Daniels b Mason	7
*K Smithies run out	44
†J Cassar run out	1
M Reynard b Mason	26
K Leng b Fitzpatrick	9
C Connor run out	0
C Taylor b Mason	0
S Collyer b Mason	5
L Pearson not out	7
Extras (lb 6, w 1, nb 1)	8
Total (47.2 overs)	140

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-41, 3-51, 4-58, 5-115, 6-120, 7-124, 8-127, 9-127.

BOWLING: Fitzpatrick 9-1-32-1; Calver 10-1-21-0; Mason 9.2-1-24-4; Magno 10-3-20-1; Fahey 5-0-23-0; Rolton 4-0-14-0

Umpires: J D Bond and J H Harris.

Leicestershire exact full toll of wayward bowling

LEICESTER (second day of four): Leicestershire, with three first-innings wickets in hand, are 85 runs ahead of Northamptonshire

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE had had every reason to think that they had good prospects of enforcing the follow-on when Leicestershire began at 41 for three at Grace Road yesterday. Instead, Ben Smith and Aftab Habib seizing on a dreadful first hour's bowling, wrested the initiative and laid the foundations of a Leicestershire victory instead.

Adding 249 at four runs an over, Smith and Habib were only 41 short of Leicestershire's fourth wicket record when Smith was caught off a miscued pull after 279 minutes.

It was his first false stroke since an edged four just out of reach of second slip more than three hours earlier, and even then he nearly got away with it: David Ripley, the Northamptonshire wicketkeeper, had to cover

BY JOHN THICKNESSE

15 yards in the direction of long leg to reach the ball before it hit the ground.

Paul Taylor, the former England left-arm seamer, was the bowler, and he well deserved the wicket. In marked contrast to Malcolm and Rose, he made the batsmen work for their runs by pitching the ball up and bowling straight.

For Test bowlers, the efforts of Malcolm and Rose were abysmal. In the critical first hour, when a wicket or two might have made Leicestershire stretch hard to reach 173 to avoid the follow-on, they bowled short and wide.

The outfield was considerably quicker than on Tuesday, and apart from Taylor there was little to inconvenience either man in Northamptonshire's bowling. *Habib*, who was also making his second hundred of the season showed himself a fine timer too, at his best on the front foot.

He needed 44 more balls than Smith to reach three figures (183 compared with 139). But he had 108 beside his name before he was in any real trouble, *Nixon, the striker*, sending him back when he was halfway down the pitch. But first Bailey missed the stumps from extra cover, whereupon Curran, backing up, missed again from mid on. It hardly needs saying but even for the second throw, Malcolm, the bowler, was nowhere near the stumps.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Vodafone Challenge Series
Durham v South Africans

CHESTER-LE-STREET (second day of three): The South Africans, with six second-innings wickets in hand, are 125 runs ahead of Durham

SOUTH AFRICANS: First Innings 362 for 3 dec (D J Cullinan 200 not out, G F J Liebenberg 85)

Second Innings

G F J Liebenberg not out	25
G Kirsten b Betts	5
D J Cullinan b Harrison	1
J N Rhodes c Harrison b Betts	1
B M McMillan lbw b Philips	5
*W J Cronje not our	11
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total (4 wkts)	49

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-18, 3-21, 4-35

BOWLING: Betts 8-1-19-2; Harrison 7-1-14-1; Philips 3-0-12-1; Wood 3-1-3-0

DURHAM: First Innings

J J B Lewis c Elworthy b McMillan	29
M A Gough run out	39
N J Speak b Symcox	16
J A Daley c Boucher b Elworthy	25
*D C Boon c Liebenberg b Symcox	31
P D Collingwood c Boucher b McMillan	12
†M P Speight b Elworthy	33
N C Phillips c Kirsten b Symcox	2
M M Betts c Liebenberg b Symcox	10
J Wood not out	11
S J Harrison c Cullinan b Symcox	9
Extras (lb 3, lb 8, nb 58)	69
Total (87.5 overs)	286

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-56, 2-100, 3-149, 4-152, 5-182, 6-230, 7-232, 8-262, 9-262

BOWLING: Donald 16-5-31-0; Elworthy 21.5-36-2; Cronje 1-1-0-0; McMillan 12.5-31-2; Hayward 12-1-67-0; Symcox 25.5-6-60-5

Umpires: J W Holder and V A Holder

Somerset v Sri Lankans

TAUNTON (second day of three): The Sri Lankans, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are seven runs ahead of Somerset

SOMERSET: First Innings 366 for 6 dec (K A Parsons 101 not out, M E Trescothick 95, M N Lathwell 56, G P Wickremasinghe 4 for 69)

SRI LANKANS: First Innings

*S T Jayasuriya hit wicket b Bulbeck	0
M S Atapattu lbw b Bulbeck	7
R P Arnold c Parsons b Jones	2
M L C N Bandaratilleke c Sutton b Bulbeck	11
D P M Jayawardene b Trott	3
H P Tillekeratne not out	38
†R S Kaluwitharana b Trott	21
U C Hathurusinghe c Harden b Jones	4
H D P K Dharmasena c Sutton b Trescothick	10
G P Wickremasinghe c Trescothick b Parsons	18
M Muralitharan c Sutton b Parsons	5
Extras (lb 11)	11
Total (52.4 overs)	130

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-7, 3-25, 4-26, 5-30, 6-56, 7-65, 8-102, 9-121

BOWLING: Bulbeck 11-4-20-3, Jones 12-3-22-2, Trott 8-2-16-2, Trescothick 11-4-25-1; Parsons 10-3-36-2

Second Innings

*S T Jayasuriya lbw b Bulbeck	4
M S Atapattu c Burns b Bulbeck	53
R P Arnold not out	115
D P M Jayawardene c Sutton b Parsons	9
H P Tillekeratne not out	51
Extras (lb 4, lb 3, w 4)	11
Total (5 wkts)	243

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-93, 3-127

BOWLING: Bulbeck 6-0-51-2, Jones 9-1-45-0, Burns 3-0-19-0, Trott 6-1-23-0, Parsons 10-3-41-0, Trescothick 9-2-35-0; Pierson 7-3-21-1, Bowler 2-1-1-0

Umpires: B Dudleston and R Palmer.

Britannic Assurance county championship
Essex v Kent

SOUTHEND (first day of four: Essex won toss): Kent, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 264 runs behind Essex

ESSEX: First Innings

*P J Prichard lbw b McCague	15
A P Grayson lbw b Ealham	6
N Hussain c Hooper b Fleming	48
S G Law c Marsh b Fleming	44
R C Irani c Hooper b Patel	47
S D Peters c Ward b Hooper	9
D R Law c Hooper b Ealham	18
†B J Hyam not out	47
M C Ilott c Fulton b McCague	15
N F Williams c Marsh b Patel	2
P M Such c Key b McCague	25
Extras (b 6, lb 4, nb 6)	16
Total (94.1 overs)	292

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-27, 3-110, 4-131, 5-160, 6-193, 7-203, 8-228, 9-245

BOWLING: Headley 17-2-53-0; McCague 18.1-8-75-3; Ealham 15-4-42-2; Patel 20-5-43-2; Fleming 14-5-30-2; Hooper 10-2-40-1

KENT: First Innings

D P Fulton not out	5
R W T Key not out	3
Total (no wkt, 7 overs)	8

T R Ward, C L Hooper, A P Wells, M A Ealham, M V Fleming, *†S A Marsh, M M Patel, D W Headley and M J McCague to bat

BOWLING: Ilott 4-3-2-0; Williams 3-0-6-0.

Bonus points: Essex 2 Kent 4.

Umpires: G I Burgess and R A White

Gloucestershire v Sussex

CHELTENHAM (second day of four): Sussex, with four second-innings wickets in hand, are 71 runs ahead of Gloucestershire

SUSSEX: First Innings 191 (W G Khan 59)

Second Innings

M T E Peirce not out	57
W G Khan c Russell b Smith	9
M Newell c Russell b Walsh	12
*C J Adams c Church b Smith	7
M G Bevan c Alleyne b Ball	0
N R Taylor c Hewson b Lewis	10
R S C Martin-Jenkins c Russell b Lewis	4
†S Humphries not out	8
Extras (lb 5, w 4, nb 2)	11
Total (6 wkts)	118

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-57, 3-70, 4-71, 5-96, 6-100.

BOWLING: Walsh 13-4-29-1, Smith 11-6-14-2; Lewis 12-4-38-2; Alleyne 9-6-3-0; Ball 10-3-29-1

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

N J Trainor lbw b Lewry	2
T H C Hancock c Humphries b Kirtley	76
D R Hewson c Humphries b Martin-Jenkins	13
*M W Alleyne c Adams b Bevan	17
J Lewis c Humphries b Robinson	22
M G N Windows lbw b Robinson	14
M J Church b Bevan	22
†R C Russell c Taylor b Martin-Jenkins	25
M C J Ball b Lewry	33
A M Smith b Lewry	4
C A Walsh not out	6
Extras (b 1, lb 1, nb 2)	4
Total (77.5 overs)	238

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-50, 3-89, 4-116, 5-141, 6-170, 7-170, 8-218, 9-232.

BOWLING: Lewry 19.5-3-73-3, Kirtley 17-4-53-1; Martin-Jenkins 19-9-56-2, Robinson 14-6-27-2, Bevan 8-0-27-2

Bonus points: Gloucestershire 5 Sussex 4

Umpires: D J Constant and T E Jesty.

Lancashire v Worcestershire

LYTHAM (second day of four): Lancashire, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 155 runs behind Worcestershire

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

W P C Weston c Hegg b Martin	27
A Habeeb c Flintoff b Austin	14
G A Hick c Hegg b Flintoff	34
V S Solanki c Hegg b Austin	87
*T M Moody c Hegg b Flintoff	11
D A Leatherdale c Fairbrother b Flintoff	0
†S J Rhodes c Hegg b Martin	44
S R Lampitt lbw b Wasim	36
R K Illingworth c Hegg b Austin	50
P J Newport b Wasim	4
R J Chapman not out	1
Extras (b 10, lb 12, w 22, nb 4)	48
Total (109 overs)	350

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35, 2-55, 3-100, 4-128, 5-142, 6-221, 7-261, 8-316, 9-328.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 26-5-77-2; Martin 20-5-58-2; Austin 31-9-82-3, Chapple 15-2-45-0; Flintoff 14-2-51-3; Watkinson 3-1-15-0.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

M A Atherton c Weston b Chapman	3
J P Crawley c Hick b Illingworth	39
A Flintoff c Solanki b Newport	15
G D Lloyd c Rhodes b Lampitt	27
M Watkinson lbw b Leatherdale	55
*Wasim Akram not out	34
†W K Hegg not out	12
Extras (lb 8, nb 2)	10
Total (5 wkts, 73 overs)	195

N H Fairbrother, I D Austin, G Chapple and P J Martin to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-22, 3-65, 4-118, 5-158

BOWLING: Newport 14-5-37-1, Chapman 12-6-29-1; Lampitt 11-1-41-1, Moody 15-9-12-0, Leatherdale 9-0-38-1, Illingworth 10-4-26-1; Solanki 2-1-4-0

Bonus points: Lancashire 4 Worcestershire 8.

Umpires: H D Bird and A Clarkson

Leicestershire v Northamptonshire

LEICESTER (second day of four). Leicestershire, with three first-innings wickets in hand, are 85 runs ahead of Northamptonshire

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 322 (G P Swann 92, M B Loye 76; A D Mullally 5 for 62).

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

V J Wells lbw b Rose	1
D L Maddy c Penberthy b Malcolm	3
I J Sutcliffe c Ripley b Malcolm	1
B F Smith c Ripley b Taylor	153
A Habib not out	156
†P A Nixon c Ripley b Rose	27
P V Simmons b Rose	7
*C C Lewis c Bailey b Rose	8
D J Millns not out	16
Extras (b 12, lb 9, nb 14)	36
Total (7 wkts, 114 overs)	407

A D Mullally and M T Brimson to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-2, 3-29, 4-278, 5-356, 6-364, 7-376.

BOWLING: Malcolm 21-2-101-2; Rose 22-1-96-4; Curran 10-3-22-0; Taylor 27-8-55-1; Swann 11-1-55-0; Penberthy 12-2-36-0; Bailey 11-2-21-0.

Bonus points: Leicestershire 8 Northamptonshire 6

Umpires: B Leadbeater and A G T Whitehead.

Surrey v Middlesex

GUILDFORD (first day of four: Surrey won toss): Surrey have a first-innings lead of 35 runs over Middlesex

SURREY: First Innings

M A Butcher c Tufnell b Fraser	0
I J Ward c Brown b Batt	35
A J Stewart b Batt	0
*A J Hollioake lbw b Batt	0
A D Brown c Weekes b Tufnell	51
B C Hollioake lbw b Batt	6
†J N Batty b Batt	0
M P Bicknell lbw b Fraser	8
I D K Salisbury lbw b Fraser	31
A J Tudor not out	1
Sarfraz Nawaz c Ramprakash b Fraser	0
Extras (lb 14, w 4, nb 2)	20
Total (57.1 overs)	150

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-7, 3-7, 4-92, 5-101, 6-101, 7-108, 8-139, 9-150.

BOWLING: Fraser 16.1-6-34-4; Batt 15-3-51-5, Johnson 6-0-24-0; Tufnell 18-10-24-1; Dutch 2-0-3-0

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

M W Gatting b Bicknell	0
J L Langer lbw b Bicknell	14
*M R Ramprakash c Batty b Tudor	13
P N Weekes c B C Hollioake b Tudor	5
D C Nash b Bicknell	0
†K R Brown lbw b Tudor	30
K P Dutch c Stewart b B C Hollioake	11
R L Johnson c Salisbury b Sarfraz	11
C J Batt lbw b Sarfraz	0
A R C Fraser not out	11
P C R Tufnell c A J Hollioake b Tudor	2
Extras (b 4, lb 4, w 4, nb 6)	18
Total (42 overs)	115

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-35, 3-41, 4-41, 5-47, 6-73, 7-96, 8-96, 9-106

BOWLING: Bicknell 12-2-25-3; Tudor 14-2-47-4; B C Hollioake 7-2-12-1; A J Hollioake 3-1-8-0; Sarfraz Munhtaq 6-1-15-2

Bonus points: Surrey 4 Middlesex 4

Umpires: K E Palmer and J W Lloyds.

Warwickshire v Hampshire

EDGBASTON (first day of four; Warwickshire won toss): Warwickshire have scored 356 for nine wickets against Hampshire

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

M J Powell c Aymes b McLean	0
T Frost b Hartley	13
D L Hemp b McLean	4
*B C Lara c Mascarenhas b Morris	35
T L Penney lbw b Hartley	20
D R Brown c Udal b Stephenson	51
†K J Piper c Udal b Stephenson	44
G Welch b Morris	38
N M K Smith c Whitaker b Morris	51
A F Giles not out	68
E S H Giddins not out	11
Extras (lb 5, lb 12, w 2, nb 2)	21
Total (9 wkts, 96 overs)	356

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-18, 3-18, 4-53, 5-100, 6-169, 7-184, 8-254, 9-291

BOWLING: McLean 21-4-71-2; Hartley 23-5-94-2, Mascarenhas 11-3-28-0; Morris 15-2-71-3; Udal 10-3-30-0; James 4-0-22-0; Stephenson 12-5-23-2.

HAMPSHIRE: G W White, J P Stephenson, P R Whitaker, K D James, *A N Aymes, A D Mascarenhas, A C Morris, †S D Udal, J S Laney, P J Hartley, N A M McLean

Bonus points: Warwickshire 4 Hampshire 4.

Umpires: R Julian and J F Steele.

Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire

SCARBOROUGH (first day of four: Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 191 runs behind Nottinghamshire

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

M P Dowman lbw b Gough	4
J E R Gallian b Silverwood	0
U Afzaal c Blakey b Gough	71
R T Robinson c McGrath b Hamilton	114
*P Johnson lbw b Gough	5
G F Archer c Blakey b Hamilton	10
P J Franks b Hamilton	0
†C M W Read lbw b Hutchison	5
P A Strang not out	2
A G Wharf c Blakey b Hamilton	2
K P Evans c Blakey b Gough	3
Extras (b 2, lb 10, w 2, nb 4)	18
Total (79.1 overs)	234

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-10, 3-171, 4-183, 5-204, 6-204, 7-213, 8-227, 9-229.

BOWLING: Gough 20.1-3-72-4; Silverwood 17-7-28-1; Hughson 16-1-68-1; Hamilton 20-3-59-4; McGrath 3-2-4-0; Stamp 3-2-1-0.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

A McGrath lbw b Evans	14
M P Vaughan not out	19
P M Hutchison not out	0
Extras (nb 10)	10
Total (1 wkt, 17 overs)	43

*D Byas, D S Lehmann, M J Wood, †R J Blakey, G M Hamilton, D Gough, C E W Silverwood and R D Stamp to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-41

BOWLING: Franks 5-1-15-0; Evans 8-1-17-1, Wharf 4-1-11-0

Bonus points: Yorkshire 4 Nottinghamshire 1.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and N T Plews

TUESDAY'S LATE RESULT: *Axa League:* Edgbaston: Warwickshire 128; Hampshire 132-9. Hampshire won by one wicket.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Although Paul Chemla won the Generali individual tournament he had to come from behind at the end, fighting off a late rush from Andrew Robson, who had actually overtaken him in the straight, thanks to this board.

Dealer North — **Love all** — **Individual**

	♠10 8 5 ♥10 8 4 ♦J 9 4 ♣10 7 3 2	
♠Q 9 7 ♥A K J 9 ♦Q 8 2 ♣K 9 4		♠A 6 3 ♥7 2 ♦K 10 6 ♣A Q J 8 5
	♠K J 4 2 ♥Q 6 5 3 ♦A 7 5 3 ♣6	

W	N	E	S
Robson	Perron	Delmouly	Chemla
—	Pass	1 NT	2 C (1)
Double	Redouble	Pass	2 D
Double	All Pass		

Contract: Two Diamonds Doubled, by South. **Lead: two of diamonds**

(1) majors

Both Delmouly and Chemla selected a light initial action — and one worked a great deal better than the other. When Delmouly treated his hand as a strong no-trump Chemla came in to show the majors, an aggressive but not absurd action at Pairs scoring. Robson started doubling for penalties at once, and North-South had nowhere to go.

Robson led a trump against Two Diamonds Doubled (perhaps the least promising of North-South's 4-3 fits). Delmouly's ten forced the ace, and Chemla exited with a club to the eight. Now Delmouly played king and another trump, and then Robson led the king of clubs, overtaken with the ace. Chemla pitched a spade on this trick, and Delmouly led a heart to Robson's jack, for another club back to Delmouly, who ran the clubs. Chemla could ruff whenever he liked, but that would be his last trick. The defence now had enough winners in the side-suits to take the rest, for a devastating +1,400 and all the match-points.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Dortmund

Peter Svidler, the Russian grandmaster, continued with the fine form that he has displayed over the past year by sharing first place at Dortmund with Vladimir Kramnik and Michael Adams. One of his victims in the games today was grandmaster Alexei Shirov, who has qualified for a match against Kasparov later this year. At Dortmund, Shirov seemed able to do nothing right and finished in last place.

White: Peter Svidler
Black: Vassily Ivanchuk
Dortmund 1998

Ruy Lopez

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bb5	a6
4	Ba4	Nf6
5	0-0	Be7
6	Re1	b5
7	Bb3	d6
8	c3	0-0
9	h3	Bb7
10	d4	Re8
11	Nc5	Rf8
12	Nf3	Re8
13	Nbd2	Bf8
14	d5	Nb8
15	Nf1	Nbd7
16	Ng3	Rc8
17	Nh2	Nc5
18	Bc2	c6
19	dxc6	Bxc6
20	Bg5	g6
21	Ng4	Be7
22	Nf6+	Kf8
23	Qf3	Bd7
24	Red1	Rc6
25	b4	Na4
26	Bb3	Be6
27	c4	Bxc4
28	Bxc4	bxa4
29	Rac1	d5
30	Nh5	gd5
31	Nd5	Nxe4
32	Bh6+	Kg8
33	Rxc4	Black resigns

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WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard

CHAMPERTY
a. Mastication
b. Fizz fun
c. Malpractice

ARMILLARY
a. A South American rodent
b. A gun park
c. A skeleton globe

DEW LINE
a. A warning system
b. A wet upper lip
c. An atmospheric boundary

MEDELLIN
a. A silky fabric
b. A massacre
c. A flowering shrub

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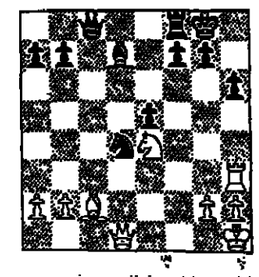
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Topalovic — Jelen, Pula 1998.

Despite his two-pawn deficit, White now powered through on the kingside with a sequence that had a number of interesting tactical points. Can you work it out?

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Compiled by Deborah King.

BOXING

Ban plea for rioters after fight mayhem

BY SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT

THE hooligans responsible for the riot at Reading on Tuesday night could be prosecuted and banned from boxing matches. That is the hope of the British Boxing Board of Control (BBBC) and Frank Warren, the promoter of the British welterweight title bout between Geoff McCreesh, of Bracknell, and Michael Smyth, of Barry.

"It's disgusting what happened," Warren said. "We've got photographs of all the people concerned, and television footage, and all that will be made available to the police. We hope they will act on it. There are photographs of people doing things they should not have been doing."

The security at the Rivermead Leisure Centre appeared to be powerless to bring under control the mayhem that broke out after the sixth round, but Warren said that he had had enough security men and that their job was to contain the trouble, not to take on the rioters.

"We had more security than we were obliged to have under local authority and police guidelines, 45 people, and that's more than enough for a venue that size," Warren said. "They are not allowed to go in there wading into people; you can't expect security to fight people with chairs."

The BBBC is to hold an inquiry and take steps to prevent a repetition. Simon Block, the assistant secretary of the board, said: "We deplore the actions of a group of so-called boxing supporters who do nothing but besmirch the name of the sport. We must do everything we can to prevent such people from coming to boxing tournaments. After we've had more detailed reports, we'll consider action."

The next board meeting is on August 12, but Block said that, if the board had a clear understanding of the events, it might act immediately.

The police have arrested four people, but their search for the other culprits will have to be carried out in Wales.

Barry McGuigan, the former World Boxing Association (WBA) featherweight champion, called for security guards to be given additional powers. "It's difficult to stop troublemakers, but if guys are really drunk when they walk in, vigilant people at the door should be able to stop them," McGuigan said.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Date for McLaren hearing fixed

■ **MOTOR RACING:** The FIA, motor sport's governing body, have scheduled a hearing for McLaren's appeal against Michael Schumacher's victory in the British Grand Prix at Silverstone last Sunday. The German driver was controversially awarded the race after apparently crossing the finishing line in the pit lane.

Schumacher's hearing will take place in Paris on July 27. Three stewards from Silverstone will have to report to an extraordinary meeting of the World Motor Sport Council in Paris on July 29.

■ **RUGBY LEAGUE:** The 31 professional clubs set aside a year of strife to reach unanimous agreement at a special general meeting yesterday on a revised £57 million television contract with The News Corporation, parent company of *The Times*, to 2003. The new contract replaces the remaining two years of the original five-year Super League deal, worth £87 million, and although smaller, offers the game long-term security.

■ **BOWLS:** Surrey scraped through to the last four of the women's inter-county championship, but needed an extra end to finish Kent's quarter-final challenge at Crowborough yesterday. Surrey won by two shots and now play Devon at Leamington Spa on August 3. Lincolnshire face Leicestershire in the other semi-final.

■ **SHOOTING:** England won back the Elcho Challenge Shield at Bisley yesterday in the long-range international, beating Scotland, the holders by 18 points. England's top scorer was John Knight, of the RAF, with 214 out of 225 and his protégé, Paul Monaghan, shooting for England for the first time, was next best with 212.

■ **POLO:** Les Lions beat Rio Pardo 9-8 in the Jack Gannon Trophy semi-final yesterday and now meet Laird in the final at Cowdray Park on Saturday. Jason Dixon scored the winning goal for Les Lions.

American triumvirate will test Europe's finest talent at Royal Birkdale

Duval poised to prolong US rule

By Mel Webb

SEEKING a likely winner of this year's Open Championship is a little like that children's party game of pinning the tail on the donkey — mightily impressive if successful but an exercise that owes nothing to skill and a great deal to sheer luck. If recent history is an indicator, however, the old Claret Jug, having been returned by an American, will be presented, four days hence, to another.

Golf is a cyclical game. In modern times, the Seventies saw the rise of a group of great American players — Nicklaus, Trevino, Watson, Miller and Weiskopf prevailed in eight of the ten Opens in that time, while Europe was producing only one winner, Severiano Ballesteros in 1979.

Then came the Eighties, and the golden age of post-war European golf. It was the era of Faldo, Ballesteros, Lyle, Open winners all, plus Langer and Woosnam. The trend, if it did not quite tell the same tale of European hegemony, continued into the next decade, in the first five years of which non-Americans won the Open.

The sequence came to a head in 1994 when, for the first time since the modern grand slam was instituted with the Masters in 1934, all four major championships fell into non-American hands. Golfing America did not like that. Something had to be done; something has, with drums beating and colours flying.

Since then, 14 major championships have been staged and all but three have been won by Americans, while the past 15 have all been won by different people. The American resurgence goes beyond a matter of pride, and can probably be explained by two factors that link one with the other.

First, there were American players who were due a major title — Pavin, Brooks, Lehman, Love and, this year, O'Meara. Then along came the young set, led last year at Royal Troon by Justin Leonard and, a few months earlier at Augusta, a young man who has set a standard to which others can barely dream — Tiger Woods.

Hand in hand with that has been the decline of the European big five. Faldo, Ballesteros, Langer, Woosnam and Lyle, who were born within a year of each other, waxed together, shone together and, sadly, are now waning together. The swing in the balance of power, therefore, when looked at dispassionately, is probably due to little more than double-edged happenstance.

However, Colin Montgomerie and José María Olazábal apart, European golf needs a new dawn: it may be about to witness one. The future lies in the hands of a number of young Turks who are born winners. Lee Westwood, the best of the lot, says he is not afraid of winning, and that, in the dog-eats-dog world of modern golf, matters more, probably, than even he knows. Darren Clarke and Thomas Bjorn, the first mercurial and occasionally inspired, the second nerveless and determined, lag not far behind, while others such as Ignacio Garrido, Patrik Sjoland and Per-Ulrik Johansson all have their parts to play.

For the moment, the force is with America. Woods is obviously a prime threat. Leonard will not want to relinquish his title without a fight, while, in David Duval, the United States have one of the hottest players in the world at present (the other is Westwood).

Like the rest of his youthful peers, Duval was awakened by a reveille call when Woods won the Masters by 12 shots last year. If this man was not to redefine the game of golf, the rest had to improve rapidly, and they have. Woods's so-called slump is due not so much to a decline in his own form as to a dramatic improvement by the rest.

They call Duval "Mr Anonymous" and, with his reclusive mien and wrap-around sunglasses, he does present that image to the world. That he can play at the highest level is beyond dispute, however — two victories and six other top-ten finishes on the US Tour this year prove that.

His opinion on his chances this week are not known; he is the last man to tell you. Nobody, however, should be surprised if he does not become the sixteenth different name to be added to that distinguished roll of honour on Sunday evening. Somebody has to keep the sequence going — and Duval has a better chance than most of doing it.

SHAWN BALDWIN



Woods, aiming for his second major victory, plays out of a bunker during his final practice round before the Open starts at Royal Birkdale today

BIRKDALE'S OPEN CHAMPIONS

YEAR		SCORE	TOTAL	PRIZE MONEY
1954	Peter Thomson (Aus)	72-71-69-71	283	£750
1961	Arnold Palmer (US)	70-73-69-72	284	£1,400
1965	Peter Thomson (Aus)	74-68-72-71	285	£1,750
1971	Lee Trevino (US)	69-70-69-70	278	£5,500
1976	Johnny Miller (US)	72-68-73-66	279	£7,500
1983	Tom Watson (US)	67-68-70-70	275	£40,000
1991	Ian Baker-Finch (Aus)	71-71-64-66	272	£90,000

Parnevik finds second best has limited appeal

By Phil Yates

The capacity to respond to bitter disappointment is of crucial importance to any golfer. Even for those at the pinnacle of their game, frustration is a regular visitor and the triumphs are to be savoured.

Jesper Parnevik and Costantino Rocca are internationally successful golfing practitioners and both have been members of a victorious Ryder Cup team. They are acquainted with the elation of a job well done but, in Open Championship terms, are best known for the one, or in Parnevik's case, the two, that got away.

It is said that no one remembers those who finish second, but that does not apply to Parnevik, the son of Sweden's most famous comedian, or Rocca, a former cardboard-box factory worker from Bergamo, Italy.

Despite holing a dramatic putt, down through and up the Valley of Sin to force a play-off at St Andrews in 1995, Rocca was eventually denied by John Daly. In five Open appearances to date, Parnevik has been runner-up twice.

> "Either you sink into obscurity or bounce back"

Yesterday, during his final practice round of a meticulous build-up, any check on the progress of the preceding group might have evoked memories for Parnevik of his first Open near-miss, at Turnberry in 1994.

Ahead of him was Nick Price, who beat Parnevik by a single stroke. The Zimbabwean is well-qualified to analyse the psychological scarring incurred by finishing second in the Open, since he was pipped himself by Tom Watson at Troon in 1982.

"It's just a matter of hanging in there," Price said. "You either sink into obscurity or you bounce back. In my opinion, Jesper and Costantino are both good enough to be in the latter category. The experience of being in contention in '32 was more important to me in the long term than how bad I felt at the time. Thankfully I was positive in the way I viewed the whole thing. If I hadn't been, I don't think I would ever have picked up a club again."

Even though Parnevik was second again at Troon last year, he retains sufficient self-belief to keep his head pointed in the same direction as the peak of his trademark cap — up.

"I'd give anything to be up there again on Sunday, win or lose," Parnevik said. "I thrive on moments like that, and just to be around when it matters is worth all the effort."

There are unfortunate precedents, however. Doug Sanders was never quite the same after squandering the opportunity to defeat Jack Nicklaus at St Andrews in 1970 and Simon Owen, runner-up to Nicklaus at the home of golf eight years later after leading with three holes to play, suffered a similar period of extended deflation.

Yet the most cautionary tale is that of Mike Harwood, a gangling Australian, who limited the victory margin of his compatriot Ian Baker-Finch to only two strokes at Royal Birkdale in 1991.

The previous season, Harwood had won the PGA championship and Volvo Masters but, from 1992 onwards, finished 128th, 117th, 54th, 125th, 144th and 186th in the European Order of Merit. His best performance at the Open during that spell of mediocrity was a modest 45th in 1992.

By virtue of his PGA title, Harwood still enjoys the luxury of a European Tour exemption that does not expire until 2000. His form last year was so demoralising, however — £6,500 earned in 12 events with a stroke average of 75.85 — that he has yet to return.

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Where par can be a relief

John Hopkins examines two of Birkdale's danger holes

A BLESSED sun and a light breeze beat down on the 6th and the 16th yesterday, helping to conceal their manifold terrors in the way that a stiletto can look innocent when it is sheathed. Do not be fooled. These two holes, which together total four yards short of 900, are two that will help to make the 1998 Open champion and break many others. They are the holes from hell.

The 6th, a dogleg par-four that swings from left to right, is so tough when played into a north-westerly wind that a par feels much like a birdie. Some of the shorter hitters will regard it as a par-five, or even a par-six. "It is one of those holes, and there are a number of them on this course, where psychologically you cannot afford to be too upset with a bogey," Nick Price, the 1994 Open champion, said.

In 1983 the words "free Gerard Kelly" were gouged on to the green after two rounds. Eight years later many of the competitors probably felt like digging up the green themselves. The hole had a higher stroke average (4.59) than the 17th, a par-five, and there were only 18 birdies scored there in the entire championship.

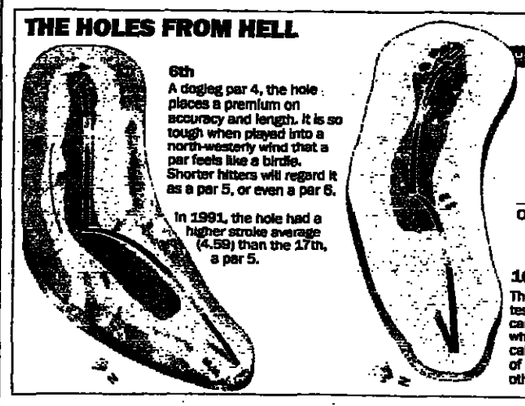
The hole places a premium on accuracy and length — accuracy is needed to keep the ball on the fairway from the tee and avoid the bunker that nestles where the fairway turns 260 yards from the tee, and length to stand any chance of reaching the green, which is raised, with the second. Ernie Els, no slouch as a hitter, needed a driver and a three-wood in Monday's practice round.

The 16th, though shorter, is only slightly less of a test into the same wind. The drive must carry a lot of rough to reach the fairway, which cannot be seen from the tee. In a flat calm, long hitters run the risk of their drives running into rough on the other side of the fairway, but into the wind it will be a good drive that gets past the second, bigger bunker.

Like the 6th, this green is raised. It slopes from back to front and though yesterday players such as John Daly needed only a two-iron and a sand wedge, on Monday the hole required a full drive and a long iron, a two or three.

It was on this hole in 1961, when it was the 15th, that Arnold Palmer played the stroke that is commemorated by a plaque. This year's winner may well want to instal a plaque of his own, signifying his safe passage through two of championship golf's most difficult holes.

THE HOLES FROM HELL



6th
A dogleg par 4, the hole places a premium on accuracy and length. It is so tough when played into a north-westerly wind that a par feels like a birdie. Shorter hitters will regard it as a par 5, or even a par 6.

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HOLE	YARDS	PAR	HOLE	YARDS	PAR
1	449	4	10	403	4
2	421	4	11	408	4
3	407	4	12	183	3
4	203	3	13	498	4
5	344	4	14	199	3
6	480	4	15	544	5
7	177	3	16	416	4
8	457	4	17	547	5
9	411	4	18	472	4
OUT	3,349	34	IN	3,669	36
			TOTAL	7,018	70

16th
Though shorter than the 6th, still very testing into the same wind. Drive must carry a lot of rough to reach the fairway, which cannot be seen from the tee. In calm conditions, long hitters run the risk of their drives running into rough on the other side of the fairway.

BIRKDALE DIARY

IF, AS the saying goes, the early bird does indeed catch the worm, Gary Evans could well feature on the first-day leaderboard. Evans, 29, from Worthing, is due to tee off at 7.15am in the first group of the day.

While the prospect of a five o'clock alarm call might only be appealing to an insomniac, Evans will at least know what to expect. Having qualified for the Open as an amateur on its last visit to Birkdale in 1991, he was the first player to strike a shot in anger.

■ Derek Lawrenson, the golf writer whose hole-in-one in May earned him a Lamborghini car worth £200,000, took delivery of same recently. Before passing it over to a local car dealer to sell on his behalf, he took it out for a spin and then stopped for a cup of tea at a motorway service station. When he returned to his car he found there were 32 people standing around admiring it.

■ Jesper Parnevik clearly revels in being the centre of the gallery's attention. In January, the Swede won the Phoenix Open at the Tournament Players Club, Scottsdale. The event, in terms of crowds, is the most popular in the world with a record weekly attendance of more than 400,000. "I always respond to crowds, so that was a great feeling, but there's no better roar in all of golf than right here at the Open," Parnevik said.

TEE-OFF TIMES

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0715 today and 1145 tomorrow: J-L Guepy (Fr), F Jacobsson (Swe), G Evans
0725 and 1155: M A Jiménez (Sp), S Dunlop (US), K Tomori (Japan)
0735 and 1215: * M Kuchar (US), S Torrance, S Appleby (Aus)
0745 and 1225: S Hoch (US), P Sjoland (Swe), S Elkington (Aus)
0755 and 1235: S Stricker (US), S Ballesteros (Sp), T Watson (US)
0805 and 1245: C Pavin (US), * D da Vooght (Bel), K Hasokawa (Japan)
0815 and 1255: B Mayfair (US), D Howell, B Lane
0825 and 1305: M Calcavecchia (US), J Haeggman (Swe), K Funahori (Japan)
0835 and 1315: S Cink (US), J Huston, T Yamagushi (Japan)
0845 and 1325: B Estes (US), P Baker, S Ames (Tim)
0855 and 1335: B Jobe (US), R Karlsson (Swe), T Suzuki (Japan)
0905 and 1345: A Magee (US), C Montgomerie, B Crenshaw (US)
0915 and 1355: R Tway (US), C Stronge (US), G Turner (NZ)
0925 and 1405: B Faxon (US), L Westwood, T Dodds (Nam)
0945 and 1415: J P Hayes (US), R Claydon, M McNulty (Zim)
0955 and 1425: T Woods (US), P-U Johansson (Swe), N Price (Zim)
1005 and 1445: M Brooks (US), D Clarke, E Romero (Arg)
1015 and 1455: P Azinger, * S Garcia (Sp), A Johnstone (Zim)
1025 and 1505: J Furyk (US), P Harrington, S Allan (Aus)
1035 and 1515: S Jones (US), J Parnevik (Swe), P O'Malley (Aus)
1045 and 1525: L Mize (US), P McGinley, D Frost (SA)
1055 and 1535: G Brown, R Drummond, S Henderson
1105 and 1545: G Hutcheon, S Young, G Spring
1115 and 1555: G Dodd (Aus), R Giles, Kyoung Ju Choi (S Kor)
1125 and 1605: F Howley, S Alker (NZ), L Jones
1135 and 1615: F Henge (Swe), C Suneson (Sp), A Clapp
1145 and 0715: T Levet (Fr), H Clark, B Davis
1155 and 0725: G Brand Jr, B May, R Davis (Aus)
1215 and 0735: P Mitchell, M Campbell (NZ), P Walton
1225 and 0745: J Leonard (US), T Bjorn (Den), D Duval (US)
1235 and 0755: S Kendall (US), D Carter, C Franco (Par)
1245 and 0805: J Maggert (US), P Price, N Ozaki (Japan)
1255 and 0815: D Love (US), I Garrido (Sp), V Singh (Fij)
1305 and 0825: M O'Meara (US), N Faldo, S Maruyama (Japan)
1315 and 0835: J Durant (US), R Russell, S Lisney (Aus)
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1335 and 0855: L Janzen (US), I Woosnam, C Pony (Aus)
1345 and 0905: J Daly (US), B Langer (Ger), P Stewart (US)
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1415 and 0945: L Roberts (US), S Luna (Sp), G Chalmers (Aus)
1425 and 0955: D Hart (US), G Orr, R Goosen (SA)
1445 and 1005: T Lehman (US), M James, E Els (SA)
1455 and 1015: P Mickelson (US), C Rocca (It), F Nobilo (NZ)
1505 and 1025: G Player (SA), G Day (US), P Senior (Aus)
1515 and 1035: D Cooper, M Long (NZ), D Smyth
1525 and 1045: P Lawrie, M Halberg (Swe), S Struver (Ger)
1535 and 1055: R Brand, D Lee, M McGuire
1545 and 1105: A McLardy (SA), A Oldcorn, P Hedblom (Swe)
1556 and 1115: * S McCarthy, * J Rumsey (Fr), M Litton
1505 and 1125: * J Rose, S Tinning (Den), B Dredge
1615 and 1135: D Shacklady, S Armstrong, J Lovell

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FOOTBALL: ADVOCAAT CONTINUES SUMMER SPENDING SPREE WITH RECORD SIGNING

Kanchelskis returns to Britain with Rangers

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

ANDREI KANCHELSKIS, the former Manchester United and Everton winger, returned to Britain yesterday when he joined Rangers for a fee of £5.5 million, a Scottish League record. He is the fifth signing of Dick Advocaat, Rangers' new coach, and it takes Advocaat's spending to more than £20 million since he succeeded Walter Smith at Ibrox.

Kanchelskis, 29, who moved from Fiorentina in Italy, will be used in a creative midfield role, helping to fill the gap left by the departures of Paul Gascoigne to Middlesbrough and Brian Laudrup to Chelsea. Advocaat completed the deal, with the player signing a four-year contract, shortly before deadline for him to be able to play in European competition.

"It was vital we got Andrei because we were missing someone who can play on the right side," Advocaat said. "Like the other new players here, he is of the highest quality. He is fast, skilful and very experienced. Hopefully, he will live up to our expectations."

After five years with United, Kanchelskis moved to Goodison Park for £5 million in August 1995. Although he scored 20 goals in 52 league matches for Everton, he left for Fiorentina for £8 million in January 1997.

"I'm very happy to be in Glasgow," he said. "Rangers are one of the best clubs in Europe and the coach and chairman were both very keen for me to sign." Advocaat has also paid more than £5 million this summer for Arthur Numan and Giovanni van Bronckhorst, the Holland internationals.

Rangers will have to play against Shelbourne, in the first leg of their Uefa Cup first qualifying round tie, in England or Wales. The match, scheduled for Tolka Park, Dublin, next Wednesday, was called off yesterday after discussions involving officials from the clubs, the Football Association of Ireland (FAI) and the British Embassy in Dublin.

Shelbourne were worried that trouble could be caused if Rangers fans from the loyalist community in Northern Ireland travelled south for the game. Fourteen years ago, when Rangers last played a European match in Dublin, against Bohemians, there were clashes between home supporters, loyalists and Irish police.

In a statement, a Shelbourne spokesman said: "The directors have reluctantly taken this decision in light of adverse publicity surrounding the tie in recent days. The safety of patrons at Tolka Park, the local residents and the general Dublin public was paramount in arriving at this decision."

Brendan O'Byrne, chief executive of the FAI, said: "Rangers have been very patient and co-operative in the matter and I think it was the most prudent decision. We are now helping Shelbourne to find an alternative venue in England or Wales."

Smith, meanwhile, has taken the first step in rebuilding Everton by signing Marco Materazzi in a £2.5 million deal from Perugia. The new Everton manager beat off competition from Lazio to make Materazzi, who is viewed as a future Italy international, his first signing. The 24-year-old centre-half has agreed a five-year deal with the Goodison Park club after helping Perugia win promotion back to Serie A last season.

John Collins indicated yesterday that he would see out his contract with AS Monaco rather than return to Britain next season. The Scotland international was believed to be returning to the Premiership after the World Cup, with Everton, Newcastle United, Tottenham Hotspur, Aston Villa and Middlesbrough leading the chase. "I have had six or seven clubs in touch from England," he said, "but I think I'll go when my contract expires in June 1999."

☐ England have slipped to tenth, a drop of five places, in the rankings of Fifa, the sport's world governing body, after their defeat against Argentina in the second round of the World Cup finals. Brazil have retained their lead, despite losing to France in the final on Sunday, but could soon be replaced at the top for the first time in more than four years. France moved into second position, a jump of 15 places.

DAVID CHESKIN



Rangers broke the Scottish League transfer record in signing Kanchelskis for £5.5 million yesterday

South Africa seen as main 2006 rival

BY JOHN GOODBODY

ENGLAND'S main adversary in the quest to stage the 2006 World Cup will be South Africa rather than Germany, the head of the Football Association's campaign said yesterday.

As interest in the staging of future tournaments rises, thanks to the success of this year's event, Alec McGivan said he is confident that "if the World Cup comes to Europe in 2006, then it will come to England." He said: "I do not think they [the Germans] can beat us."

McGivan said he believes that, whereas South Africa has an emotional appeal and Germany can rely on its known efficiency for staging tournaments, England possesses both qualities. He said that other nations have a great affection for our footballing tradition, for English players, clubs and Wembley. Apart from the three declared candidates, Australia is also reported to be interested in staging the tournament. However, McGivan described the Australian bid as "somewhat implausible".

Barnsley, of the Nationwide League first division, have signed Robin Van der Laan, the Derby County club captain, for £325,000. Van der Laan, 29, became the first signing of Jim Smith, the Derby manager, in 1995 when he joined from Port Vale for £750,000. Smith immediately made him captain and he led the side to promotion in his first season.

The Dutchman became an instant success with Derby supporters when he scored the winning goal in the final game of the 1995-96 season against Crystal Palace, which secured promotion. Van der Laan's appearances were hampered last season by injury.

Ronnie Moran, the former Liverpool caretaker manager who earned the nickname "Mr Liverpool", is to retire after almost 50 years at the club.

Moran joined Liverpool after leaving school in July 1949 and played 379 times for the club before joining the coaching staff. He served as caretaker manager when Kenny Dalglish departed in 1991.

As a player, Moran won the second division championship in 1962 and the first division title in 1964. During his time on the coaching staff, Moran was instrumental in helping Liverpool to dominate domestic and European football in the 1970s and 1980s.



Van der Laan: off to Barnsley

How Ronaldo's case stresses need for help

Don't tell Ronaldo, but the Brazilians used to be the world's best at handling sporting stress. There was a time when they stole a march on everybody in the World Cup by the then unheard of tactic of sending a psychologist to accompany their team.

They were much mocked for it at the time. But not for long. It was 1958 in Sweden and, just as 40 years later, Brazil took on the hosts in the final. The result, though, was very different. Brazil won 5-2, and a brilliant 17-year-old, Pelé, seemed to thrive on the pressure of a World Cup final, scoring twice.

By contrast, this time around, Ronaldo, Brazil's broken superstar, drifting around the Paris pitch with painfully haunted eyes, looked like a man in desperate need of that team psychologist.

BRYANT'S EYE

The truth behind his dismal and sad performance may never be known. But there is no shortage of speculation: a convulsive epileptic fit, injured knees or ankle, too many painkillers, girlfriend trouble, or even, as some dared to suggest, sponsorship pressure.

Whatever the immediate trigger, two things are clear. First, Ronaldo is a sportsman who simply buckled — physically, mentally or both — under the stress of performing before millions, and secondly, it was a scandal that he was allowed to play, given his breakdown only hours before the game.

It seems almost unbelievable that the coaches and experts in the Brazil camp had allowed their greatest player to get to the brink of a complete collapse without seeing it coming. Surely they might have expected that a 21-year-old, carrying the hopes of his homeland in front of a two billion television audience, would need some help. But the Brazil team doctor, Lidio Toledo, saw Ronaldo undergo brain scans and heart monitoring tests just hours before kick-off before concluding "his illness was due to stress".

Yet stress — and skill under stress — is what organised, high-level, competitive spectator sport is all about. Human beings under pressure are wonderfully unpredictable. When they are placed in an arena, in front of thousands of observers, stress can produce extraordinary results — from the world records of a Carl Lewis to the tantrums of a John McEnroe.

The effect of spectators on performance has long been studied by sports scientists. The spectators always make a difference. Studies find that even recreational joggers will pick up their pace if they think they are being watched, and that people who are anxious about their ability in a particular activity will often quit rather than face failure.

The pressure to perform well, caused in part by public scrutiny, can benefit sportsmen or backfire, depending on the sport, according to work on "choking" by Roy Baumeister, the American sports psychologist. He separates sports into those dominated by skill and those dominated by effort. Skill sports include golf and most team sports. Effort sports include running and weightlifting.

The pressure of competition can help a person improve in an effort sport, but hinder someone in a skill sport. Watch any of the world's leading golfers in the Open Championship this week. A putt that would seem child's play alone in practice, can seem much more difficult when scrutinised by eyes and cameras.

Because of the threat of stress, gurus, shrinks and hypnotists may now be found in every nook and cranny of sports performance. Swimmers, ski-jumpers, Formula One drivers, cricketers, athletes, tennis players, golfers — all of them want to know the secrets of avoiding choking.

Ronaldo heads a long list of those who have found the pressure too much. Jimmy Greaves, in his autobiography, This One's On Me, tells how he ended up in the alcoholics' ward of a mental institution. Guillermo Vilas, of Argentina, scuttled home from Wimbledon in 1976, after defeat by Bjorn Borg, to see a psychiatrist in Buenos Aires.

Others battle without help, fearing that if they seek it, they will be labelled as lacking courage. They are ashamed that they let pressure get to them. Professor Cary Cooper, a sports psychologist, warned this week that top footballers could be "killed off" because of the excessive pressures. "Coaches of national teams and club sides have got to be aware of this," he said, "because many of these young players are not mature enough to cope with the demands."

The coaches of Brazil and Internazionale will have a tough job in the next few months nursing Ronaldo through his crisis. Just a few days before the World Cup final, Pelé told young players: "Take care of your body. I played for 25 years only because my body was strong and I looked after it." He might have given just as tough a warning about taking care of the mind.

JOHN BRYANT

RUGBY UNION

RFU rebuff strictures of board

ENGLAND'S frustration at the high-handed attitude and hectoring manner of the International Rugby Board (IRB) was apparent yesterday in a letter to the sport's governing body in Dublin (Mark Souster writes). The Rugby Football Union (RFU) said that it deplored the leaking of confidential correspondence and challenged the IRB's aggressive stance on key issues such as the Mayfair Agreement and the clubs' legal submission to the European Commission.

Meanwhile, the leading southern-hemisphere countries have decided not to accept future tours from understrength British countries. In future, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa will look to develop contacts with nations such as Argentina, whom they have agreed to meet on an annual basis.

Jonathan Bell and Allan Clarke, the Ireland internationals, have been released by Northampton to enable them to return to play in Ireland.

☐ Twelve players have now left Coventry as a result of the Midlands club's parlous financial state.

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ATHLETICS: MOROCCAN RAISES HIS SIGHTS FOR GATESHEAD MEETING

El Guerrouj tackles more records

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

HICHAM EL GUERROUJ, who broke the 1,500 metres world record on Tuesday, will attack the 2,000 metres record at the Bupa Games in Gateshead on Sunday. When a world record was last broken there, by Brendan Foster in 1974, the Moroccan was not even born.

In Rome, El Guerrouj, 23, took 1.37sec off Noureddine Morceli's 1,500 metres time of 3min 26.00sec. Tonight, El Guerrouj intends to attack another of Morceli's records in Nice, the one mile. El Guerrouj said: "If the crowd get behind me, the record is a real possibility. I'd love to break as many records as Said Aouita did."

Aouita is a countryman of El Guerrouj's and a former world record-holder for 1,500 metres. After a period of British dominance, with Sebastian Coe, Steve Cram and Steve Ovett all holding the 1,500 metres and mile world records, it is now the turn of athletes from North Africa. The 1,500 metres record has been held by an Algerian or Moroccan for almost 13 years.

When El Guerrouj arrives in Gateshead this weekend, accompanied by Abdelkader Kada, his coach, and a phalanx of Kenyan and Moroccan pacemakers, he will receive more attention than at his only previous race in Britain in 1995, when he won an indoor race in Birmingham. He will also receive more money if he breaks the 2,000 metres record as a record bonus of $50,000 (£30,500) is on offer.

In February last year, El Guerrouj broke the world indoor records for the mile and 1,500 metres. Last August he won the world championship 1,500 metres in Athens. With Morceli seemingly on a downward spiral, it appears that no one can threaten El Guerrouj's mantle as the world's leading miler. In Rome, Daniel Komen, of Kenya, the 3,000 metres world record-holder, was more than five seconds behind.

FOR THE RECORD

CRICKET

Axa League table

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts	RR
Essex (7)	10	6	2	1	1	28	10.37
Middlesex (16)	10	6	2	0	2	28	4.22
Warwicks (1)	11	6	3	0	2	28	1.83
Leics (4)	10	6	3	0	1	26	7.92
Lancs (3)	9	6	2	0	1	26	4.79
Hants (15)	10	6	3	0	1	22	2.05
Yorkshire (10)	10	5	3	0	2	24	6.82
Kent (2)	10	5	3	1	1	24	-5.29
Worcs (8)	10	5	4	1	0	22	1.79
Somerset (6)	10	3	4	0	3	18	-0.38
Glouces (11)	10	3	6	0	2	16	-8.66
Derbys (14)	11	3	6	0	2	16	-9.24
Notts (12)	9	3	5	1	0	14	-0.34
Glam (13)	11	3	7	0	1	14	-5.50
Northants (9)	10	2	5	1	2	14	-3.31
Durham (17)	10	2	5	1	2	14	-8.24
Sussex (18)	9	2	6	0	1	10	-8.56
Surrey (5)	10	0	9	0	1	2	-17.40

(Last year's positions in brackets)

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: The Fosters Oval: Surrey 414 (K A O Barratt 98, G J Batty 50) Middlesex 245-6 (D J Goodchild 101 not out) Northampton: Northants 270 (J N Snape 55, K J Innes 52, A Sachdeva 4-34) Leicester 67-1

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: First day of two: Bridgnorth: Berkshire 228-4 (J Hodgson 62 not out) and 53-2; Shropshire 227-6 (J Ralph 80, J B R Jones 59) Final day of two: Jesmond: Northumberland 220-5 and 288 (C Clark 108, J B Windows 63, R M Jarvis 6-86), Staffordshire 228-4 and 169-5. Match drawn

INTER-COUNTY MATCHES: Under-17: (first day of two): Wiltshire 240 all out (A Clarke 73, C Rogers 44) Gloucestershire 3-0 (day 2 of 2): Berkshire 282 all out (Ivent 304-4 dec (J Watson 138 not out) Surrey 233 all out Hertfordshire 97 all out. Under-15: Sussex 116 all out Middlesex 102-9 match drawn Wiltshire 207-9 Gloucestershire 211-5 (N Stovold 95, J Pick 52), Shropshire 180 all out (A Wolf 86, R Williams 53) Northern Ireland 170 all out, Warwickshire 102 all out (L James 4-29) Staffordshire 103-4, Bedfordshire 183-7 (K Morgan 4-54) Hertfordshire 130-6 match drawn

ATHLETICS

ROME: IAAF Golden League meeting: Men: 100m: 1, F Fredericks (Nam) 9.97sec; 2, A Boldon (Trin) 9.99; 3, M Greene (US) 10.04. 400m: 1, M Johnson (US) 44.40; 2, M Richardson (GB) 44.62; 3, T Washington (US) 44.71. 5, I Thomas (GB) 44.77, 7, R Black (GB) 45.18. 800m: 1, P Ndururi (Ken) 1min 42.90sec; 2, M Hakla (Mor) 1:43.50; 3, J Kimurai (Ken) 1:43.61. 1,500m: 1, H El Guerrouj (Mor) 3:26.00 (world record); 2, R Laban (Ken) 3:30.94; 3, J Kibowen (Ken) 3:31.08. 10, J Mayock (GB) 3:38.74. 5,000m: 1, H Gebreselassie (Eth) 13:02.63; 2, T Nyariu (Ken) 13:03.66; 3, D Baumann (Ger) 13:04.10. 400m hurdles: 1, B Bronson (US) 47.76sec; 2, D Morgan (Jam) 48.13; 3, R Mashchenko (Russ) 48.22. 3,000m steeplechase: 1, M Kipsanui (Ken) 8min 04.96sec; 2, K Misoi (Ken) 8:11.09; 3, E Khattabi (Mor) 8:11.86. Triple jump: 1, J Edwards (GB) 17.60m; 2, A Glowatsky (Bela) 17.24; 3, C Friedeck (Ger) 17.14. Shot: 1, K Toth (US) 20.63; 2, A Bagach (Ukr) 20.38; 3, S O Buder (Ger) 20.26. Women: 100m: 1, M Jones (US) 10.75sec; 2, C Gaines (US) 11.00; 3, S Fynes (Bah) 11.02. 400m: 1, C Opara (Nigeria) 49.29; 2, G Breuer (Ger) 49.88; 3, F Ogunkoya (Nigeria) 49.89. 800m: 1, J Afanasyeva (Russ) 1min 57.68sec; 2, L Vrieade (Sur) 1:58.16, 3, M Rainey-Valmon (US) 1:58.59. 1500m: 1, S Masterkova (Russ) 3min 58.42sec; 2, G Szabo (Hun) 3:59.25; 3, V Szekely (Rom) 3:59.67. 9, S O'Sullivan (Ire) 4:02.78. 5,000m: 1, Z Quezgz (Mor) 14:44.35; 2, G Wami (Eth) 14:44.51; 3, M Dominguez (Sp) 14:45.49. 100m hurdles: 1, A Vaughn (US) 12.69sec; 2, M Morrison (US) 12.69; 3, B Bukovec (Slovakia) 12.81. Javelin: 1, T Hattestad (Nor) 87.23m; 2, M Ingberg (Fin) 86.43; 3, T Dantsike (Ger) 85.02. Long Jump: 1, M Jones (US) 7.23m, 2, F May (It) 6.89

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Montreal 2 Florida 1; Chicago Cubs 7 Pittsburgh 4, Atlanta 4 NY Mets 2, Philadelphia 4 Milwaukee 2, Cincinnati 7 St Louis 4; San Diego 8, Colorado 7; Houston 4 Arizona 2; Los Angeles 2 San Francisco 1.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit 8 Kansas City 3; Oakland 6 Anaheim 2; NY Yankees 7 Cleveland 1; Baltimore 11 Toronto 5; Chicargo White Sox 8 Minnesota 5; Seattle 6 Texas 3; Tampa Bay 5 Boston 4

BOWLING

JOHNS TROPHY: English Women's Inter-county championship: Quarter finals: Lincolnshire bt Durham 121-115; Leicestershire bt Northamptonshire 127-108; Devon bt Hampshire 125-109, Surrey bt Kent 122-120 (after extra end). Draw for semi-finals at Royal Leamington Spa (August 3): Surrey v Devon; Lincs v Leics

BOXING

RIVERMEAD LEISURE CENTRE, Reading: British welterweight championship (6rnds): G McCreesh (Ipsicknell, holder) bt M Smythe (Barry) ko 7th. Flyweight (6rnds): I Napa (Hackney) bt N Booth (Nottingham) pts. Light-middleweight (6rnds): W Alexander (Croydon) bt L Scarlett (Dudley) rsc-5th. Middleweight (6rnds): J Matthews (Islington) bt P Waudby (Hull) rsc 2nd. Bantamweight (6rnds): J Matthews (Guildford) bt S Oates (Fulham) pts.

FOOTBALL

Wednesday's late results

CLUB MATCHES: Deg and Red 3 Arsenal 1; Worcester 2 West Bromwich Albion 3, St Patricks Ath 0 Hearts 1.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: NRA Imperial meeting: Albert Cup (1,000 1,100 and 1,200 yds): 1, S Collings (Windsor) 212 19pts; 2, C Hayes (NRC Scotland) 211 14; 3, I Brown (Wandsworth) 208.20. Henry Melfish Cup: Under 25: T Smith (Cambridge Uni) 196.6pts. Victoria Aggregate (1,100 and 1,200 yds): 1, Collings 380.27pts; 2, P Monaghan (N L R C) 385.26; 3, M Bellie-Hamilton (West Atholl) 382.25. F W Jones Match (MR teams of 4): 1, R A F T R C 801.57 (D Calvert 208.18)pts, 2, OCRA 791.51 (C Hayes 211.14); 3, Wandsworth (I Brown 208.20). Martini Cup: Schools Snapshooting: 1, Sedbergh and Oratory Both 33Opts; 3, R G S Guildford 320. Marlborough Cup: Schools 200 yds: 1, N Clark (Oratory) 50 Tie 50; 2, S Pope (Epsom) 50/48; 3, B Sloate (Cheltenham) and M John (Malvern) 50/46

ELCHO Challenge shield (1,000 1,200 and 1,200 yds): 1, England 1,677.142pts; 2, Scotland 1,659.127; 3, Ireland 1,631 103, 4, Wales 1,606.85.

TENNIS

PALERMO, Sicily: Women's tournament: First round: J Capriati (US) bt L Nemeckova (Cz) 6-1, 6-4. A Coetzeau (Fr) bt M Diaz Oliva (Arg) 6-2, 6-4; R Bobkova (Cz) bt A S Zanetti (It) 6-7, 7-5, 6-2. P Stoyanova (Bul) bt J Kandarr (Ger) 4-6, 6-0, 6-2.

DIDSBURY: LTA Manchester Challenger: First round (GB unless stated): M Petchey bt K Rudman (SA) 6-3, 6-0; S Pecoscolido (It) bt J Boruszewski (Ger) 8-4, 8-4; C Wilkinson bt A Parmar 7-8, 6-1; L Milligan bt A Dupuis (Fr) 6-3, 6-4; M Draper (Aus) bt W Arthurs (Aus) 7-6, 6-3; A Radulescu (Ger) bt N Gould 6-2, 6-4; A Ferreira (Bra) bt A Hadad (Isr) 7-8, 8-4; J Delgado bt T Mitchell (Aus) 7-5, 6-1, M Navarra (It) bt C Bennett 6-1, 6-4; B Elwood (Aus) bt G Mandl (Aut) 7-5, 6-1

POOLS DIVIDENDS

DIVIDENDS for matches, July 11: Zetters: Treble chance: 21pts, £2,207.50 20, 223 60, 19, £0.85 Six aways £5.00, Nine homes £5.50. Four draws £8.40 All draws: 20pts, £548.55, 19, £8.20. Lucky numbers: 34, 17, 15, 5, 19; 30. Vernons: Treble chance: 21pts, £24,001.90; 20, £187.85; 19, £31.70.

COMPETITION WINNERS THE TIMES

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THE ABOVE READERS WON £1,875 EACH

The Times/The Sunday Times Games
SECOND TEAM CHECK CARD
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THE ABOVE READERS WON £238.10 EACH.

CHANGING TIMES

Compiled by Deborah King.

CYCLING: TEAM MANAGER IS QUESTIONED AS DISQUIET SPREADS ACROSS TOUR

Police raid Festina's hotel rooms

FROM JEREMY WHITTLE IN CHOLET

THE doping scandal enveloping the 1998 Tour de France took another turn last night with the news that Bruno Roussel, the Festina team manager, was being interviewed by police in Cholet while police and customs officers from Lille raided the team's hotel.

As press rumours spread concerning the size and intended use of the cache of drugs impounded from a Festina team car last week, Roussel, Erich Rijckaert, the team doctor, and one other unnamed man travelled to Cholet police station of their own volition to put their version of recent events to the French police.

Meanwhile, French television relayed live pictures from outside the team's hotel in the centre of Cholet as police searched riders' rooms and all of the team's officially accredited vehicles. The team's sponsor says it will withdraw funding if drug use is proved.

Fuel was added to the fire by a newspaper interview with Gerard Gremion, a Swiss sports doctor, who claimed in *France Soir* that "99 per cent of professional cyclists take drugs, including those on the Tour de France".

Gremion alleged that he left his job as doctor to Post Swiss, a leading professional team, over the systematic use of banned substances to enhance performances. One former Post Swiss rider, Armin Meier, is competing in this year's Tour for Festina.

Gremion's comments, that "400 to 500 professionals are destroying their health by taking banned substances" added to growing speculation that either the Tour organisation, or cycling's governing body, the UCI, may be forced into taking action against Festina, the world's top-ranked team, before the Tour becomes discredited.

But Jean Marie Leblanc, the Tour de France director, was adamant that no further action would be taken by the race organisation until formal charges were made.

"As yet, this affair does not concern riders competing in the Tour and, as such, it's profoundly unjust to the riders here who are racing. What has happened is a shame for the Tour, but we're not going to turn our back on it. So far we've learnt everything from the press and there have been plenty of stupid rumours," he said.

Under the Tour's regulations, a rider or person may be expelled from the race for "improper behaviour, breach of the regulations or for fraud at customs.

Yet there is no mention of expelling riders or personnel facing pending legal action.

Roger Legeay, president of the team managers' association, and manager to Chris Boardman's GAN team, made plain his concerns. "There's no question of the Tour de France carrying on for three weeks in an atmosphere like this," Legeay said, as Leblanc sat alongside. "We hope that this is resolved as soon as possible."

98 LE TOUR DE FRANCE

PETER DEJONG



Bruno Roussel, the Festina team manager, arriving for the start of yesterday's stage

O'Grady pretty in yellow

STUART O'GRADY, Chris Boardman's GAN teammate, became only the second Australian in history to wear the yellow jersey of the leader of the Tour de France after the longest day of the race, the 252 kilometre fourth stage to Cholet.

FROM JEREMY WHITTLE

O'Grady, who survived a crash on a tight bend 2km from the finish, picked up enough bonus time at two of the intermediate sprints yesterday to become the first Australian to wear the Tour's *maillot jaune* since Phil Anderson in 1982.

"This has been my dream since I started cycling," the 24-year-old from Adelaide said. As he settled into the most coveted colours in cycling, O'Grady paid tribute to Boardman, who crashed out of the Tour on Monday. "Chris is an awesome team leader and I really wish he was here to be part of this".

Even though O'Grady was brought down by another accident close to the finish, in which Mario Cipollini, the Italian sprinter, suffered his third fall of the race, he quickly made his way back to the heart of the field.

Cipollini was not so lucky. Desperate for a stage win before the Tour reaches the Pyrenees, his Italian Saeco team set a fierce pace on the flat approach to Cholet.

But Cipollini was one of those to fall almost within sight of the finish, as the battle for pole position began in earnest. As he dusted himself down, Jeroen Blijlevens, of Holland, a member of the TVM team, sprinted clear for the fourth Tour stage win of his career.

TOUR DE FRANCE DETAILS

FOURTH STAGE (Plouay to Cholet, 252km): 1, J Blijlevens (Holl, TVM) 5hr 48min 32sec; 2, N Mansk (It, Riso Scotti), 3, J Svorada (Cz, Mapei) 4, F Moncassin (Fr, GAN), 5, A Tchmil (Bel, Lotto); 6, E Zabel (Ger, Telekom), 7, T Steels (Bel, Mapei); 8, L Michaelsen (Den, TVM), 9, M Sciandri (GB, Française des Jeux); 10, F Baldato (It, Riso Scotti); 11, A Vierhouten (Holl, Rabobank) all same time; 12, G Faginni (It, Saeco) at 4sec; 13, S Marunello (It, Polti) at 6sec; 14, B Ris (Den, Telekom), 15, S Heulot (Fr, Française des Jeux), 16, R McEwen (Aus, Rabobank), 17, B Voskamp (Holl, TVM) all same time; 18, F Guesdon (Fr, Française des Jeux) at 8sec; 19, A Casero (Sp, Vitalicio); 20, M Mauri (Sp, ONCE) both same time.
LEADING OVERALL POSITIONS: 1, S O'Grady (Aus, GAN) 19hr 43min 29sec; 2, B Hamburger (Den, Casino) at 11sec; 3, G Hincapie (US, US Postal Service) same time; 4, J Hapgner (Ger, Telekom) at 14sec; 5, X Jan (Fr, Française des Jeux) at 32sec; 6, P Herve (Fr, Festina) at 33sec; 7, V Garcia-Acosta (Sp, Banesto) at 34sec; 8, P Chanteur (Fr, Casino) at 39sec; 51, Sciandri at 1min 38sec.
TODAY: Fifth stage (Cholet to Chateauroux, 228km)

TELEVISION CHOICE

One kiss and he was gone

Moving People
Channel 4, 8.00pm

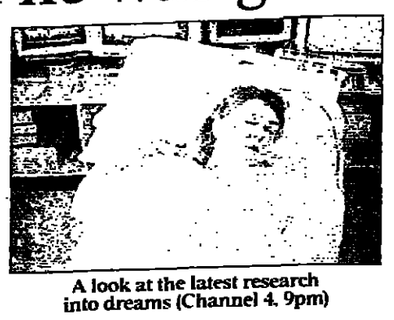
From his pile "somewhere in Suffolk" John Peel introduces more stories of moving house, an activity he describes as marginally more fun than being boiled in oil. That being so, the series has a strong whiff of *Schadenfreude* though the tales are often more about the movers than the move itself. That Gregg Davidson is, at 25, finally leaving his Mum to live with a couple of mates would hardly be worth Channel 4's time if Davidson did not have a spare-time job as a kissagram. The move of Heather and David Bacon-Campbell is also unremarkable as such, except that the couple are divorcing and going into separate flats. Finally we meet Chris Berry, in his fifties and twice divorced, who is looking for a new bride in Thailand. He hopes to persuade her to live with him in Surrey. Whether she will or not is tonight's cliffhanger.

Secrets of Sleep
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Hardly a week goes by, it seems, without a documentary featuring the human brain. It had a programme to itself in Professor Robert Winston's discourse on the body, was used in a recent Channel 4 series to explain why men are no good at housework, and now turns up as a key to understanding sleep. Recent scientific research has established that contrary to what common sense might tell us there is a period of sleep, called REM after rapid eye movement, when the brain is more active than when we are awake. This is the time when we dream, leading to the theory that dreams, though often appearing random and illogical, have a purpose. This is, nightmares notwithstanding, to help us to come to terms with our fears. Dreams may also help us to predict the future, though that is a topic for the next programme.

Third Rock From the Sun
BBC2, 9.00pm

This is an odd series, as it is meant to be, though underneath the unlikely premise that aliens who look eactly like the rest of us have invaded the Earth, there are old-fashioned comic devices at work. The gag in this extended first episode of a new series is that Dr Dick Solomon (John Lithgow), the middle-aged and balding visitor from out there who doubles as a college lecturer, is having to juggle the attentions of two women. One is the colleague Dr Mary Albright (Susan Curtin) he nearly married in the previous series. The other is Janet, a wife foisted on him by his alien boss. She is played by Roseanne, as forthright as usual if less shrill. The plot is choreographed with skill and offers the chance for the show to exploit its liking for deliberately clichéd dialogue.



A look at the latest research into dreams (Channel 4, 9pm)

The Matchmaker
BBC2, 11.15pm

Anywhere else it might be called a dating agency but in the West of Ireland it goes by the more traditional name of matchmaking, and Willie Daly from Co Clare claims to be its only surviving practitioner. On his books are more than 900 men and women seeking a marriage partner and to facilitate the process Daly and his daughter, Marie, run what they call love trails. These are gentle tours of the countryside by horseback, designed to stir romantic feelings, with communal meals and music in the evening. Matchmaking used to be a strictly Irish affair but now the clients can come from as far afield as continental Europe and the United States. This low-key film introduces us to a sample of them, all hoping to meet their Mr or Ms Right but in no great hurry if at first they do not succeed. **Peter Waymark**

RADIO CHOICE

Crossing Continents
Radio 4, 11.00am

This programme emerged from the oven when Radio 4's Controller, James Boyle, baked a new current affairs cake. The change has provided a more international flavour and will presumably help to reduce mutually exclusive criticism that the network is either obsessed with Europe or obsessed with America. Today *Crossing Continents* is in Europe, specifically Barcelona, from where Meriel Beattie reports on two aspects of Spanish cultural development: the country's long-suppressed Jewish roots, now being more openly discussed 500 years after the Inquisition; and the rise of the Catalan language, used for half the region's television and radio programmes, to the dismay of Spanish language exponents.

Afternoon Play: Just You, Me and a Glitterball
Radio 4, 2.15pm

A summary of this production under the umbrella of *Afternoon Play* would give the impression that it is on the wrong network at the wrong time, for it seems to be aimed at young people. In fact it is about young people but older hands will like Lucy Catherine's play, too. Sarah Jane Holm stars as Deborah, who is in her twenties but much travelled and streetwise. She is waiting for a flight to Malaga when she meets Marek (David Thorpe), a gentle, naïve lad about to make his first trip abroad. What the pair have in common goes beyond a shared love of Wham! and *Champion the Wonder Horse*: they are both at heart romantics, disillusioned with what life has dealt them and seeking something better. **Peter Barnard**

RADIO 1

6.30am Kevin Greening and Zoë Ball 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jayne Middlemiss. Includes 12.30pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Radcliffe 4.00 Dave Pearce 5.45 Newsbeat 6.00 Dave Pearce 6.30 Steve Lamacq: The Evening Session 8.30 Live Music Update 8.40 John Peel 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00am Charlie Jordan 4.00 Clive Warren

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 12.00 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 David Allan. Country music from both sides of the Atlantic 8.00 Paul Jones 9.00 Stand Up 2 9.30 The Russ Abbot Show 10.00 Their Long Voyage Home 10.30 Richard Allinson 12.05am Steve Madden 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00am The Breakfast Programme 9.00 Bram Hayes. Topical phone-in, plus the 5 Live phone-in 12.00 The Midday News 1.00pm The Open. The opening day of the 127th Open Golf Championship from Royal Birkdale 8.00 Gower's Cricket Weekly 9.00 Inside Edge 10.00 Late Night Live. Presented by David Mellor, including the day's sports round-up 1.00am Up All Night 5.00 Morning Reports

VIRGIN RADIO

7.00am Jonathan Ross 10.00 Russ Williams 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Robin Banks 7.30 Ray Cokes 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Peter Poulton 5.00 Jeremy Clark

TALK RADIO

6.30am The New Talk Radio Breakfast 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Anna Raeburn 9.00 James Whale 1.00am Ian Collins 5.00 Bill Overton

WORLD SERVICE

7.00am News 7.15 Insight 7.30 Meridian Books 8.00 News 8.15 Off the Shelf 8.30 Composer of the Month 9.00 News; (648 only) News in German 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 Performance 9.30 The Multitrack Sessions 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Border Run 10.30 Physics Made Simple 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Discovery 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm The Learning World 12.45 From Our Own Correspondent 1.00 News; (648 only) News in German 1.05 World Business Report 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Record News 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Multitrack X-Press 4.00 News 4.05 Sports Roundup 4.15 Westway 4.30 The Vintage Chart Show; (648 only) News in German 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Britain Today 6.00 News 6.15 Insight 6.30 Record News; (648 only) News in German 6.45 Sports Roundup 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Assignment 8.00 News Summary 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Pause for Thought 8.30 John Peel 9.00 Newshour 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 Meridian Books 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Insight 11.45 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05am Outlook 12.30 John Peel 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Westway 1.45 Britain Today 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Composer of the Month 3.00 Newsday 3.30 Focus on Faith 4.00 News 4.05 World Business Report 4.15 Sports Roundup 4.30 The World Today 5.00 The World Today

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Michael Mappin 8.00 Henry Kelly includes Record of the Week and the High Flyer 12.00 Lunchtime Requests. Jane Jones presents listeners' favourite pieces of music 2.00pm Concerto Saint-Saëns (Piano Concerto No 2 in G minor) 3.00 Jamie Crick. Includes Continuous Classics and Afternoon Romance 6.30 Newsnight. The latest headlines and sport updates 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven. John Brunning introduces two hours of easy-listening sounds 9.00 Evening Concert Elgar (Violin Concerto in B minor), Tchaikovsky (Fatum); Beethoven (Violin Sonata No 10 in G) 11.00 Mann at Night. Music for the early hours with Alan Mann 2.00am Concerto (r) 3.00 Mark Griffiths

RADIO 3

6.00am **On Air,** with Petroc Trelawny. Includes a review of Trevor Nunn's new production of *Oklahoma!* Plus Haydn (Trumpet Concerto); Rimsky-Korsakov (Dubinushka); Mendelssohn (Overture for Wind); Strauss (Dance of the Seven Veils, Salome)
9.00 **Masterworks,** with Peter Hobday. Includes Johan Helmich Roman (Symphony in F), Tchaikovsky (Cherubim's Song in F, Nine Sacred Pieces); Grieg (Holberg Suite); Nielsen (Flute Concerto); Beethoven (Violin Sonata in A, Op 47, Kreutzer)
10.30 **Artist of the Week: Thomas Hampson**
11.00 **Sound Stories: Instrumental Revolutionaries.** Richard Baker profiles the great horn player Dennis Brain
12.00 **Composer of the Week: Rameau**
1.00pm **The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert.** Gould Trio. A recital given as part of the Lichfield International Arts Festival Lucy Gould, violin, Martin Storey, cello, Gretel Dowdeswell, piano. Mozart (Piano Trio in C, K548); Smetana (Piano Trio in G minor, Op 15)
2.00 **The BBC Orchestras.** The BBC Philharmonic under Edward Downes and Edward Warren, Kathryn Stott, piano Tchaikovsky (Marche Slave). Grieg (Piano Concerto in A minor); Shostakovich (Symphony No 7, Leningrad)
4.00 **The Piano,** with Piers Lane (r)
4.45 **Music Machine,** with Verity Sharp
5.00 **In Tune.** Sean Rafferty previews Rhythm Sticks 98, the fourth annual festival of percussion and drumming
7.30 **Performance on 3.** Peter Donohoe, piano, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra under Nicolae Moldoveanu. Dutilleux (Mystere de l'Instant); Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 3 in D minor); Stravinsky (Petrushka, 1947 version)
9.15 **Postscript — Four Radio Poems: The Man Made of Rain,** by Brendan Kennelly
9.35 **In the Twilight.** A selection of Debussy's nocturnal songs sung by Dawn Upshaw soprano
10.00 **Music Restored.** Lucie Skeaping introduces a studio session by the Canadian Bach viol duo Les Voix Humaines, who play music by Marin Marais and Sainte-Colombe
10.45 **Night Waves.** Pam Allen profiles the internationally acclaimed Chicago-based Steppenwolf Theatre Co as they open in London with *The Man Who Came to Dinner*
11.30 **Jazz Notes,** with Digby Fairweather
12.00 **Composers of the Week: William Byrd and Thomas Tallis** (r)
1.00am **Through the Night,** with Donald Macleod

RADIO 4

6.00am **Today,** with John Humphrys and James Naughtie. Includes 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day
8.35 **(LW) Yesterday in Parliament**
9.00 **A Hard Act to Follow.** Professor Amartya Sen, the new Master of Trinity College, Cambridge
9.30 **Dedicated To.** Leslie Forbes looks for the stories behind book dedications (r)
9.45 **Serial: A Boy from the Hogarth Press** (r)
9.45 **(LW) Daily Service**
10.00 **News; Woman's Hour,** with Jenni Murray
11.00 **News; Crossing Continents.** See Choice
11.30 **No Commitments.** Celia Imrie, Rosemary Leach and Nicola Pagett star in Simon Brett's six-part sitcom about three sisters
12.00 **News; You and Yours,** with Liz Barclay and Mark Whittaker 12.57 Weather
12.00 **(LW) News Headlines;** Shipping Forecast
1.00 **The World at One,** with James Cox
1.30 **Puzzle Panel.** Clare Maclanka invites fellow puzzlers to try to outwit each other with their best brain-teasers, riddles and logic problems
2.00 **News; The Archers** (r)
2.15 **Afternoon Play: Just You, Me and a Glitterball,** by Lucy Catherine See Choice
3.00 **News; Call You and Yours.** 0171 580 4444
3.30 **A View with a Room: Burgh Island Hotel**
3.45 **Ways with Words.** Four readings from the Ways with Words Festival, Dartington. Survivors' poetry read by Matthew Sweeney and Pascale Petit
4.00 **News; Law in Action,** with Marcel Berlins
4.30 **The Material World.** Trevor Philips meets the scientists at the forefront of fusion research
5.00 **PM 5.54 (LW)** Shipping Forecast 5.57 Weather
6.00 **Six O'Clock News**
6.25 **Party Political Broadcast,** by the Conservatives
6.30 **Booked!** Ian McMillan chairs the irreverent writing game Guests this week are Mark Thomas, Miles Kington, Dillie Keane and Roger McGough
7.00 **News; The Archers**
7.15 **Front Row.** After its hit production of Carousel the National Theatre returns to Rodgers and Hammerstein with *Oklahoma!* Francine Stock reports from the first night
7.45 **Under One Roof: School's Out,** by Wendy Lee, based on the original story by Michelo Hanson. With Paola Dionisotti, Edna Dore and Lucia Bradshaw-White (4-5) (r)
8.00 **News; The Empire Warriors.** Dr David Anderson examines the military aggression in Malaya after the Second World War
8.30 **The Week in Westminster.** Boris Johnson takes a look behind the scenes at Westminster
9.00 **News; Hotlinks.** The latest technological developments with Jez Nelson
9.30 **A Hard Act to Follow** (r)
10.00 **The World Tonight**
10.45 **Book at Bedtime: Setting the World on Fire,** by Anthony Wilson. Read by Simon Russell Beale (9/10)
11.00 **Late Night on 4: On Baby Street.** Julie Balloo and Jonny Edgar's comedy drama about three mothers living in the same street. With Frances Barber, Hugh Ross, Tilly Vosburgh, Linda Robson and Graham Fellows
11.30 **(FM) In the Noise.** A true adventure in music and technology. It is 1941 and a Hollywood film star and a notorious avant-garde composer invent a founding technology for modern communication while sitting at a piano
11.30 **(LW) Today in Parliament**
12.00 **News 12.30am The Late Book: Every Secret Thing.** Gillian Slovo reads her recollections of a South African upbringing (4/5)
12.48 **Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service**
5.30 **World News 5.35 Shipping Forecast**
5.40 **Inshore Forecast 5.45 Prayer for the Day**
5.47 **Farming Today,** with Sam Smith

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FIXTURES

CRICKET
Vodafone Challenge Series
11.0, final day of three
CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham v South Africans
TAUNTON: Somerset v Sri Lankans

Britannic Assurance county championship
11.0, third day of four, 104 overs minimum
CHELTENHAM: Gloucestershire v Sussex
LYTHAM: Lancashire v Worcestershire
12.0, third day of four, 104 overs minimum
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Northamptonshire
11.0, second day of four 104 overs minimum
SOUTHEND: Essex v Kent
GUILDFORD: Surrey v Middlesex
SCARBOROUGH: Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Hampshire

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Third day of four: The Oval: Surrey v Middlesex. Second day of four: Folkestone: Kent v Glamorgan Fleetwood: Lancashire v Warwickshire. Northampton: Northamptonshire v Leicestershire Nottingham High School: Nottinghamshire v Gloucestershire Middleton-on-Sea: Sussex v Somerset.
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Final day of two: Millom: Cumberland v Staffordshire

FOOTBALL
CLUB MATCHES: Clitonville v St Patrick's Athletic (7.30); Bray Wanderers v Norwich City (7.30); Dorchester v Swindon Town (7.0), Nantwich Town v Crewe Alexandra (at Witton Albion, 7.30)

OTHER SPORT
GOLF: Open Championship (at Royal Birkdale)
SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Ipswich v Eastbourne (7.30), Swindon v Oxford (7.30) Premier League: Sheffield v Arena Essex (7.45)

WORD-WATCHING

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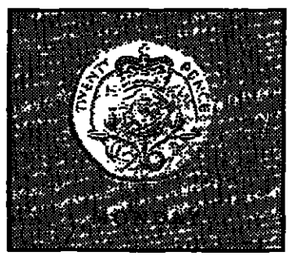
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(c) An illegal proceeding whereby a party outside a suit engages to help the plaintiff or defendant, on condition of receiving a share of the winnings or damages, if the suit is successful.

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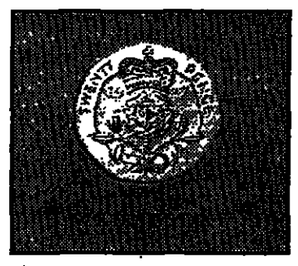
DEW LINE
(a) A distant early-warning radar and communication system, designed to give early warning of the penetration of North America by aircraft coming over the North Pole.

MEDELLIN
(b) A massacre. In the Peninsular War in 1809, French cavalry took on 30,000 Spanish. The Spanish gave way and were mercilessly sabred in shoals.

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Family values: that nostrum for the Nineties

Literary adaptations for television always beget two questions, one genuine and one bogus. "Is this good drama?" is the former and "is this faithful to the book?" is the latter. **Amongst Women** (BBC2), which began last night, deserves a positive answer to the genuine question and gets no answer, from me, to the bogus one: I have not read the book.

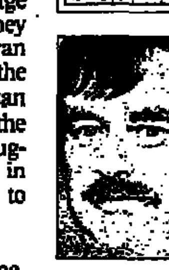
John McGahern's novel was nominated for the Booker Prize and if Adrian Hodges's adaptation is a guide to its quality, then I have missed out and must put right that omission. The television version has a literary texture that suggests it is not just McGahern's story, but also his story telling, that has been transferred to the script by Hodges. The result is a quality piece of work.

This is a tale of family values, that nostrum for the 1990s. But here the values are twisted out of shape between wish and execution. The setting is Ireland in the 1950s, the focus is the Moran family: widowed father, three daughters, two sons. The atmosphere is heavy with suppressed emotion, taut with tension, riddled with hypocrisy. The whole is covered in a blanket of Moran *père*'s pomposity, a man stumbling about in the space between his perception of himself and others' perception of him.

Moran is a parent of the old school: he knows what is good for us. He beats his children, but only occasionally and in a manner tinged with the humbug of regret. I think a psychiatrist would call it learned behaviour. Something from Moran's past has told him that this is how to be, but something in his intellect causes him to be troubled by his own excesses. Moran's apparent certainties are mere edifice, a condition familiar to many parents.

Luke, one of the Moran sons, flees this tense, ambiguous environment to work in London. The younger son and the three teenage daughters stay. Each night they kneel in the kitchen while Moran says the rosary. Each day the eldest daughter, Maggie (Susan Lynch), taking aspects of the mothering role by default, struggles to lighten an atmosphere in which every cloud threatens to become a thunderstorm.

REVIEW



Peter Barnard

Come the end of episode one, the chance of relief has arrived at the bleak farmhouse in the shape of Rose (Ger Ryan), a gentle, quietly strong-willed local spinster taken by Moran as his second wife. Rose's arrival is much like that of a peacekeeper in some border dispute, which is what Moran's relationship with his children resembles: periods of calm interrupted by violent treaty infractions.

This is utterly believable drama from first minute to last. The usual Irish clichés, verbal and situational, are adroitly avoided. The acting is uniformly first class, with the exception of Tony Doyle as Moran: he is not first class, he is simply magnificent. Doyle comes to this from the scheming builder role in *Ballykissangel*, but here he has a character of real depth and subtlety, aspects Doyle explores with a wonderful sureness of touch.

Just about the last thing Moran could be expected to do is to sell his car in order to get married in Barbados, but that is what the owner of a Mini was up to in last night's **Deals on Wheels** (Channel 4), deservedly back for another series as the only cars programme on television that gets down to the nuts and bolts, so to say.

Co-presenters Richard Sutton (the middle-class one) and Mike Brewer (the honest Cockney) set out to answer two related questions about buying a car: how much is it? Will it fall apart? This may be too simplistic for the motorheads of *Top Gear*, but these are the matters that matter to millions of people tip-toeing about in the minefield of the used-car market, which, at £23.3 billion a year in the UK, is larger than the new-car market.

Deals on Wheels uses real people with real cars. Last night Andy Warren sold his Mini having made the rash wedding promise. Sutton-Brewer interjected a few amber lights about Mini buying (worn engines, rain coming through the radiator grille). And we watched Liverpudlian Gary Fearon sell his Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow for £5,000, but don't all rush at once: it would cost half that to replace the brakes.

Black Box, the Channel 4 documentary series on air crash investigations, also returned for a new series last night with its title hanging by a thread: the crash under scrutiny was that of TWA 800, which exploded soon after leaving New York for Paris two years ago tomorrow. But when the two black boxes on board were recovered, they contained only a second of noise, the sound of the plane breaking up.

The documentary was interesting and painstaking but I have no idea as to how "revealing" (Channel 4's word) it was: so much has been reported about this tragedy that it is nearly impossible to sort new from old. Certainly the claim that *Black Box* "reveals what really happened to Flight 800" does not stand up, because we already knew that the most likely cause was an explosion in the central fuel tank; what sparked the fire remains a mystery.

By far the most absorbing aspect of the documentary was its focus on the competing investigations of the FBI, which was determined from day one to discover a criminal cause, and the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), which had more prosaic causes in its sights. An FBI metallurgist said that the Bureau was "trying to fit the evidence into the theory". Someone from the NTSB was horrified to arrive at the investigation and find FBI people outnumbering his own "by a factor of 100 to one."

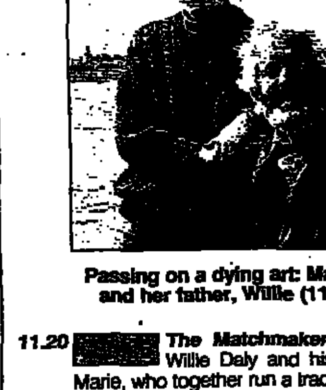
BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (39535)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (81451)
9.00 All Over the Shop (r) (3009974)
9.20 Kilroy (T) (3214852)
10.00 Meet the Challenge (6369103)
10.25 Style Challenge Classics Icedancers Torvill and Dean and showjumper Oliver Skeete receive makeover advice from the experts (T) (2468992)
10.55 Short Changes (1583177)
11.00 News (T) regional news and weather (5016790)
11.05 Pole to Pole Michael Palin goes on safari in Kenya (T) (4594546)
11.55 News (T) regional news and weather (6164622)
12.00 Every Second Counts (r) (T) (63595)
12.30pm Golf: The Open Further action. Continues on BBC2 (38158)
1.00 News (T) and weather (13968)
1.30 Regional News (T) (15837697)
1.40 Neighbours Madge has distressing news for Harold; while Sarah faces a barrage of questions about her affair with Karl (49337351)
2.05 Golf: The Open Continues on BBC2 (9063993)
3.30 Beautiful Things Jewellery-maker Sarah Crawford reveals the inspiration behind her unusual creations (3249968)
3.35 Pingu (3248239) **3.40** Playdays (6321581) **4.00** Popeye (2711177) **4.10** The Littlest Pet Shop (2700061) **4.20** Mr Wymi (2369185) **4.35** Cartoon Critters (3084871)
5.00 Newsround News update for younger viewers (T) (3932210)
5.10 Record Breakers (r) (T) (6600351)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (712852)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (T) and weather (871)
6.30 Regional News (T) (351)
7.00 Watchdog: Value for Money New series (T) (3245)
7.30 EastEnders Bleary-eyed Grant swills another pint of ale and sets off to pay Tiffany a visit (T) (535)
8.00 Changing Rooms (T) (2993)
8.30 The Hello Girls In the run-up to Chris's surprise party, the birthday girl is pursued by a mystery admirer (T) (8500)
9.00 Party Political Broadcast by the Conservative Party (319061)
9.05 Nine O'Clock News (T) and weather (802581)
9.35 The Cowboy Way (1994) Comedy, FILM starring Woody Harrelson and Kiefer Sutherland, Dylan McDermott and Ernie Hudson. A pair of Wild West rodeo riders try to fit in while attempting to track down a friend in New York. Directed by Greg Champion (666239)
11.20 48 Hours (1982) See Film Choice. FILM Comedy thriller, starring Nick Nolte, Eddie Murphy and Annette O'Toole. A hard-bitten cop enlists a convicted robber's help to track down two escaped killers, but soon begins to wonder if he chose the right person for the job. Directed by Walter Hill (720177)
12.55 am Weather (6090494)
1.00 BBC News 24

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BBC2

6.10am Problems with Ions (7800210) **6.35** Plants: Problems with Water (5335413)
7.00 Teletubbies (r) (1756500) **7.25** Dink, the Little Dinosaur (1848535) **7.50** Get Your Own Back (r) (T) (4402055)
8.15 Willy Fog (2435790) **8.35** William's Wish Wellingtons (9536871) **8.45** The Record (2113158)
9.10 Hawkeye (3216210) **9.50** Cartoon (8237413) **10.00** Teletubbies (62790)
10.30 Golf: The Open Steve Rider introduces live coverage of the early rounds on the opening day from the 127th Open Championship at Royal Birkdale (73622)
12.30pm Working Lunch (56500)
1.00 Golf: The Open Further coverage (1882516)
2.05 Wildlife on Two: Nature's Neons David Attenborough goes in search of glow-in-the-dark creatures, from the fireflies of Asia's mangrove swamps and rural America, to a brilliant display of natural light in the depths of the oceans (r) (T) (58904351) **2.35** Wildvision (r) (8919516) **2.40** News (T) (8916429) **2.45** Westminster with Diana Madill (4916500) **3.25** News (T) (1552177)
3.30 Golf: The Open More from the links at Royal Birkdale (5750326)
7.30 East Linette Tye looks into reports that escalating numbers of Chinese immigrants have been abducted from London (T) (177)
8.00 Disaster Insight into the 1989 Chicago air disaster (r) (T) (9185) **WALES:** Way Out West
8.30 All the Right Moves Property valuer Paul Higgins gives Quentin Willson a crash course in pricing, while professional photographers disprove the old adage that the camera never lies when portraying houses, and Margherita Taylor meets a couple who have converted a London pub into a home. Last in series (T) (6142)
9.00 Third Rock from the Sun As his fellow aliens return to Earth, Dick finds he has been assigned a wife. With a guest appearance by Roseanne (T) (167069)
9.45 Golf: The Open Highlights (327968)
10.30 Party Political Broadcast by the Conservative Party (736177)
10.35 Newsnight (T) (330332)

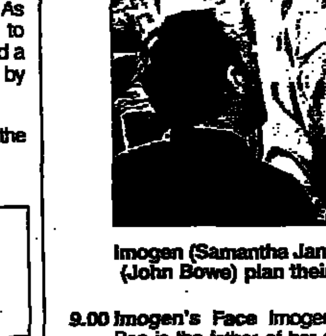


Passing on a dying art: Marie Daly and her father, Willie (11.20pm)

11.20 The Matchmaker Profile of Willie Daly and his daughter Marie, who together run a traditional Irish dating service (128719)
11.55 Holiday Weather (579784) **12.00** The Midnight Hour (31104)
12.30 am Learning Zone: Declining Citizenship (19494) **1.00** Powers of the President (80104) **2.00** The Greats (72746) **4.00** French Experience (83098) **5.00** Computer's Don't Bite (4696185) **5.45** Modelling in the Long Term (95494)

HTV

6.00am GMTV (1213239)
9.25 Extreme Dinosaurs (T) (8678622)
9.50 Judge Judy (r) (T) (4840239)
10.20 Regional News and weather (7709852)
10.30 Children of the Dark (1994) The FILM prejudice faced by parents of two children with a rare disease (95168351)
12.20pm Regional News (4144887)
12.30 News and weather (50326)
1.00 Shortland Street (82644)
1.30 Home and Away (T) (59697)
2.00 The Jerry Springer Show (2731581)
2.45 Supermarket Sweep (r) (T) (938852)
3.15 News (T) (1550719)
3.20 Regional News and weather (1540332)
3.25 Tots TV (r) (1467055) **3.35** The Riddlers (7946061) **3.45** Cartoon Time (r) (3248871) **3.55** Zzzap! (r) (7957177) **4.10** Captain Star (T) (5288528) **4.40** Retrace (r) (T) (4881852)
5.10 A Country Practice (5654245)
5.40 News and weather (611784)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (440326)
6.25 WALES: Wales Tonight (315535)
6.25 HTV Weather (244719)
6.30 The West Tonight (719)
7.00 Emmerdale Lady Tara receives bad news (T) (5413)
7.30 WALES It's My Life (603)
7.30 3-D A look at the impact of the new Crime and Disorder Bill (T) (603)
8.00 The Bill When a man dies, a paving stone is discovered covering his chimney (T) (7061)
8.30 Eye of the Storm (T) (3528)



Imogen (Samantha Janus) and Cavan (John Bowe) plan their future (9pm)

9.00 Imogen's Face Imogen guesses that Ben is the father of her sister's child (T) (9581)
10.00 Party Political Broadcast for the Conservative Party (T) (264852)
10.05 News at Ten (T) and weather (208516)
10.35 Regional News and weather (373142)
10.45 WALES: Wales This Week (296993)
10.45 Crimestoppers Special (296993)
11.15 WALES: 3-D (293806)
11.15 West Eye View (293806)
11.45 WALES: Swift Justice (431121)
11.45 Undercurrents (506158)
12.10 am Public Morals (4245807)
12.45am The Jerry Springer Show (T) (3369833)
1.30 Trainspotters (61388)
2.30 Planet Mirth (4693369)
2.55 3-D (4896456)
3.25 The Chart Show (3857253)
4.15 Vanessa (4009678)
4.50 ITV Nightscreen (2557475)
5.30 News (36659)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
1.00pm A Country Practice (82644)
1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (5428332)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (5654245)
6.25 Central News (521245)
6.55-7.00 Lifeline (839061)
10.45 Dharma and Greg (296993)
11.15 Friday Night Fever (293806)
11.45 Still In Bed with MeDinner (538332)
12.20am Tales from the Crypt (6337369)
1.25 Live at Jongleurs (9179901)
1.55 Planet Rock Profiles (7544758)
2.25 Box Office America (3483123)
2.55 Eyecatchers (4605104)
3.45 Best of British Motorsport (16322562)
4.10 Central Jobfinder '98 (9534524)
5.20 Asian Eye (8466253)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.15pm-12.30 News (2784142)
1.00 Emmerdale (82644)
1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (5428332)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (5654245)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (31245)
10.45 Richard Digance for One Night Only (981239)
11.45 Street Legal (431121)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
10.25am Justice of the Land (7752993)
11.25 Blue Heelers (2699910)
5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away (5654245)
6.00 Meridian Tonight (239)
6.30-7.00 Grass Roots (719)
10.35 Meridian News and Weather (460622)
10.50 FILM: Quicksand: No Escape (23846871)
5.00am Freescreen (84369)

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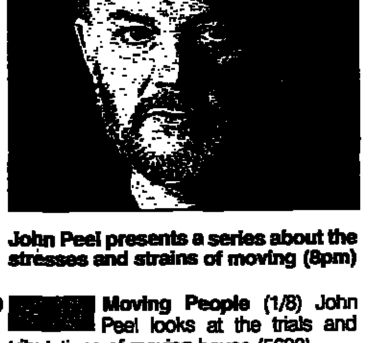
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11.25 Blue Heelers (2699910)
1.00pm-1.30 Dinosaurs (82644)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (5654245)
6.25 Anglia News (521245)
6.55-7.00 What's On (839061)
10.45 The Road Show (296993)
11.15 Go Fishing (293806)
11.45 Midnight Caller (431121)

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Starts: **7.00am The Big Breakfast** (32149) **9.00 FILM: 29 Acacia Avenue** (16795608) **10.35 The Three Stooges** (6180790) **10.55 Lights Before Dawn** (1576887) **11.00 Australia Wild** (8968) **11.30 Powerhouse** (9697) **12.00 Ricki Lake** (22055) **12.30pm Sesame Street** (58968) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (45150974) **1.15 Pingu** (45155429) **1.30 Collectors' Lot** (42990055) **1.50 FILM: Destination Gobi** (64864516) **3.30 Watercolour Challenge** (697) **4.00 Fifteen-to-One: The Big Winners** (332) **4.30 Ricki Lake** (516) **5.00 5 Pump** (6719) **5.30 Countdown** (968) **6.00 Newyddion 6** (995806) **6.10 Heno** (149429) **7.00 Pobol y Cwm** (829719) **7.25 Pryd o Dafod** (233887) **8.00 Jocars** (5603) **8.30 Party Political Broadcast** (378500) **8.35 Newyddion** (758697) **9.05 Designs on Your** (747887) **10.05 Big Women** (6836500) **11.10 X-Rated Ricki** (664581) **11.55 Tour de France** (242448) **12.25am TV Offal** (8713104) **12.55 Michael Hayes** (8307340) **1.50 Diwedd**

CHANNEL 4

6.00am Sesame Street (22245)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (T) (32149)
9.00 29 Acacia Avenue (1945) Vintage British FILM comedy starring Alfred Harker, Betty Balfour and Jimmy Hanley. Directed by Henry Cass (16795608)
10.35 The Three Stooges (b/w) (9282535)
11.00 Australia Wild (r) (T) (8968)
11.30 Powerhouse (9697)
12.00 Sesame Street (22055)
12.30pm Light Lunch Ken Hom cooks lunch for the cast of *Casualty* (r) (T) (36177) **1.30** Collector's Lot (r) (T) (15917887)
1.45 Trottie True (1949) Comedy-musical FILM with Jean Kent, James Donald and Hugh Sinclair. Directed by Brian Desmond Hurst (T) (20566852)
3.30 Watercolour Challenge (T) (697) **4.00** Fifteen-to-One: The Big Winners (T) (332) **4.30** Countdown (T) (3078210) **4.55** Ricki Lake: Ricki's Search For The Sexiest Triplets (r) (T) (5555413) **5.30** Pet Rescuers (T) (968)
6.00 Tour de France The cyclists cover the 228km stage between Cholet and Chateauroux (581)
6.30 Hollyoaks (T) (531)
7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (994351)
7.50 Deadline 2000 A look at the erosion of *traditional farming in India* (T) (399546)



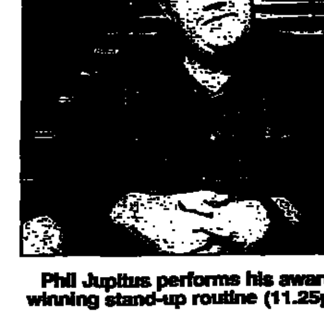
John Peel presents a series about the stresses and strains of moving (8pm)

8.00 Moving People (1/8) John Peel looks at the trials and tribulations of moving house (5603)
8.30 Real Gardens Monty Don and the team return to the gardens to highlight seasonal jobs and plants (T) (1210)
9.00 Secrets of Sleep: The Dreaming Brain (1/3) *Understanding the changes which occur in the brain while we sleep* (T) (3351)
10.00 Big Women (3/4) Zoë's daughter, Saffron, looks into her mother's suicide (T) (6917429)
11.05 X-Rated Ricki: Ricki, We Are Victims Of The Date Rape Drug Women speak out (T) (672500)
11.50 Michael Hayes: Faith Michael Hayes discovers a link between his brother's apparent suicide and the death of a government official; and a case involving the dumping of toxic waste leads Hayes to question his former boss. With David Caruso (T) (306055)
12.45am Turkish Delight Documentary about the women-only Turkish bath in Harrogate (r) (T) (19562)
1.15 Painted Ladies (r) (T) (6843982)
1.50 Maytime (1937, b/w) Period Musical set FILM in the court of Louis Napoleon. Starring Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy (52896388)
4.05 Sexual Imperative (r) (T) (6994678)
5.00 Love Life (75611)
5.30-5.55 Tour de France (6626833)

CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE
Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a **Videocrypt decoder** will be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: **10.92075 GHz**; sound: **7.02** and **7.20 MHz**

6.00am 5 News and sport (3615603)
7.00 WideWorld (r) (T) (1705790) **7.30** Milkshake! (9924852) **7.35** Wind in the Willows (r) (4142622)
8.00 Havakazoo (3749784) **8.30** Dappledown Farm (r) (3748055) **9.00** Woodland Tales (r) (T) (3835535)
9.30 Russell Grant's Postcard: Ironbridge Pork Pies (9227622) **9.35** The Oprah Winfrey Show (r) (6119516) **10.25** Sunset Beach (T) (8607448) **11.10** Leeza (r) (6333413)
12.00 5 News at Noon (T) (3742871)
12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (3389326)
1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (1704061)
1.30 Sons and Daughters (3388697)
2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (5341968)
2.30 Open House with Gloria Hunniford (8294581)
3.30 FILM: Column South (1953) A cavalry FILM officer assumes command of a New Mexico army, but his intolerant attitude towards the Indians is in sharp contrast to that of his lieutenant. With Audie Murphy and Robert Sterling. Directed by Frederick De Cordova (3764448)
5.05 The Oprah Winfrey Show: Carroll Connor (8669210)
6.00 100 Per Cent Challenge (1765852)
6.30 Family Affairs (T) (1852332)
7.00 5 News (T) (5345784)
7.30 Secret Lives: Kamchatka — Russia's Eden (r) (T) (1858516)
8.00 Water Rats: Police Issue 13519 (2320871)
9.00 Shadow of a Doubt (TVM, 1995) FILM Courtroom drama in which an alcoholic lawyer is given the chance to resurrect his once-successful career, when a former lover asks him to defend her teenage stepdaughter who has been accused of murdering her wealthy father. Directed by Brian Dennehy (T) (72022149)
10.50 Hotline A couple decide to use their newly hired gardener to help the wife to conceive a child (6755697)



Phil Jupitus performs his award-winning stand-up routine (11.25pm)

11.25 The Comedy Store Special: Phil Jupitus (5487719)
11.55 The Jack Docherty Show (8356500)
12.35am Live and Dangerous (90956712)
4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (1168746)
5.30 100 Per Cent Challenge (r) (3777456)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

● **For further listings see Saturday's *Vision***

SKY 1

7.00am Tattooed Teenage Alien Fighters (34429) **7.30** Games World (1015142) **7.45** Simpsons (57535) **8.15** Oprah (8932158) **9.00** Hotel (29185) **10.00** Another World (42448) **11.00** Days of Our Lives (59784) **12.00** Married with Children (59177) **12.30pm** M*A*S*H (6679087) **12.55** Special K Collection (96489351) **1.00** Geraldo (9686974) **1.55** Special K Collection (22496264) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (2698023) **2.55** Special K Collection (2911852) **3.00** Jenny Jones (3094852) **3.55** Special K Collection (9995603) **4.00** Oprah (95983) **5.00** Star Trek: Voyager (2158) **6.00** The Nanny (7719) **6.30** Married with Children (8871) **7.00** Simpsons (3887) **7.30** Real TV (4055) **8.00** America's Dumbest Criminals (2535) **8.30** Seinfeld (8142) **9.00** Friends (91177) **9.30** Friends (92326) **10.00** ER (31239) **11.00** Star Trek: Voyager (43177) **12.00** Nash Bridges (39833) **1.00am** Long Play (5541611)

SKY BOX OFFICE

Sky's pay-per-view movie channels. To view any film telephone 0990 800888. Each film costs **£2.99** per viewing
SKY BOX OFFICE 1 (Transponder 26) **Dante's Peak (1997)**
SKY BOX OFFICE 2 (Transponder 60) **Star Trek: First Contact (1997)**
SKY BOX OFFICE 3 (Transponder 59) **One Fine Day (1996)**
SKY BOX OFFICE 4 (Transponder 58) **Beavis & Butt-Head Do America (1996)**

SKY MOVIES SCREEN 1

6.00am Magic Sticks (1997) (32887) **7.30 Dangerous Curves (1988)** (42210) **9.00 The Princess Bride (1987)** (27897) **11.00 Roseanne: An Unauthorised Biography (1994)** (52412448) **12.55pm Dangerous Curves (1988)** (48479500) **2.30 Fiddler on the Roof (1971)** (84759142) **5.25 The Princess Bride (1987)** (84954622) **7.00 Roseanne: An Unauthorised Biography (1994)** (32061) **9.00 Dark Angel (1996)** (87974) **10.30 Fair Game (1995)** (32974993) **12.05am Alien Nation: Millennium (1996)** (734982) **1.40 For Better or Worse (1995)** (7805543) **3.10 Murderous Intent (1995)** (55257388)

SKY MOVIES SCREEN 2

6.00am Arrivederci, Baby (1966) (88535) **8.00 Hollywood Cavalcade (1939)** (50513) **10.00 The War Lover (1962)** (87448) **12.00 Salt Water Moose (1995)** (28326) **2.00pm Arrivederci, Baby (1966)** (19061) **4.00 Hollywood Cavalcade (1939)** (8332) **6.00 Salt Water Moose (1995)** (65483535) **8.00 The Man Who Captured Eichmann (1996)** (38142) **10.00 Strange Days (1995)** (46274500) **12.25am Desires of Innocence (1997)** (1640123) **1.55 Co-Ed Call Girl (1995)** (364833) **3.30 Eat a Bowl of Tea (1989)**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Old Gringo (1989) (2880806) **6.00 Steel Magnolias (1989)** (2475968) **8.00 K-9 (1989)** (2470413) **10.00 The Hand (1981)** (6261719) **11.45 A Nightmare on Elm Street II: Freddy's Revenge (1985)** (2192326) **1.10am Bull Durham (1988)** (4727475) **3.00 Two Minute Warning (1976)** (6829123) **4.50** Close

TNT

9.00pm Gore Vidal's Billy the Kid (1989) (27653784) **11.00 The Rounders (1965)** (36967061) **12.30am Billy the Kid (1941)** (71325017) **2.00 Cimarron (1931)** (88933982) **5.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (5791622) **7.15** Wrestling (544697) **8.15** Sports Centre (4662852) **8.30** Racing News (80158) **9.00** Futbol Mundial Aerobics (91210) **9.30** Futbol Mundial (38871) **10.00** World Eight-Ball (29535) **12.00** Aerobics (84974) **12.30pm** Hey Big Spenders (10887) **1.00** Full Throttle (86852) **1.30** Snooker (25516) **3.30** Sports Unlimited (58332) **4.30** Full Throttle (3158) **5.00** Wrestling (2790) **6.00** Sports Centre (7351) **6.30** One Hit Wonders (8603) **7.00** Trans World Sport (85210) **8.00** Story of the FA Cup (58974) **10.00** Sports Centre (655535) **10.15** One Hit Wonders (386500) **10.45** Tight Lines (861500) **11.45** Sports Centre (595697) **12.00** Futbol Mundial (20036) **12.30am** Tight Lines (75307) **1.30** Sports Centre (1343920) **1.45** Story of the FA Cup (144662) **3.45** One Hit Wonders (278920) **4.15** Sports Centre (27102494) **4.30** Close

SKY SPORTS 2

7.00am Aerobics (7245448) **7.30** Sports Centre (5423784) **7.45** Racing News (5478177) **8.15** Hey Big Spenders (2788429) **8.45** Sports Centre (2686210) **9.00** Fish TV (5836061) **10.00** Golf Extra (5160535) **1.00pm** Major League Baseball (3167784) **3.00** World of Super League (7671516) **5.00** Watersports World (6780516) **6.00** Inside the PGA Tour (4696719) **6.30** Equestrianism (4507871) **7.00** Tight Lines (1676326) **8.00** Rebel Sports (6790993) **8.30** Inside the PGA Tour (8606500) **9.00** US Golf: Deposit Guaranty Golf Classic (8071622) **11.30** Trans World Sport (7599968) **12.30am** Sports Centre (2208253) **12.45** Formula Three (2480920) **1.15** One Hit Wonders (2487833) **1.45** Sports Centre (57050475) **2.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Wrestling (48192852) **1.00pm** Fish TV (48101500) **2.00** Greatest Moments of Sport (40844326) **2.30** Dickie Davies' Sporting Heroes (71434719) **3.30** Fastrax (91502622) **4.00** Story of the FA Cup (40930177) **6.00** Rebel Sports (91508806) **6.30** Formula Three (91569158) **7.00** Wheelbase (27749535) **8.00** Equestrianism (40920790) **8.30** Formula Three (40843697) **9.00** Trans World Sport (27745719) **10.00** Bobby Charlton's Football Scrapbook (27267061) **11.30** Close

EUROSPORT

7.30am Sailing (91784) **8.00** Rowing (92603) **9.00** Tour de France (56177) **11.00** Motors (22887) **12.30pm** Mountain Bike (32055) **1.00** Tour de France (5088210) **2.10** Live Tour de France (21267210) **4.30** World Cup (62974) **6.30** Live Athletics (586351) **9.30** Tour de France (98887) **11.30** Motors (58332) **12.30am** Close

UK GOLD

7.00am Crossroads (2708239) **7.30** Neighbours (2020697) **7.55** EastEnders (3822697) **8.30** The Bill (2800784) **9.00** The Bill (2997264) **9.30** Stay Lucky (3554158) **10.30** The Sullivans (2993448) **11.00** Dallas (8455993) **11.55** Neighbours (89264448) **12.25pm** EastEnders (4780546) **1.00** All Creatures Great and Small (7784413) **2.00** Dallas (6087535) **2.55** The Bill (5732581) **3.25** The Bill (9010429) **3.55** Dangerfield (5707871) **4.55** EastEnders (9922177) **5.30** Wowfabgroovy (9453055) **6.00** All Creatures Great and Small (7877177) **7.00** 2point4 Children (2243413) **7.40** Waiting for God (9221852) **8.20** Dad's Army (8797061) **9.00** Bugs (99299158) **10.05** Bottom (4953210) **10.45** *The Comic Strip Presents: More Bad News* (12898790) **11.50** The Bill (3694448) **12.20am** The Bill (3377456) **12.50** Live at Jongleurs (9411578) **1.20** The Equaliser (7560388) **2.05** The Equaliser (9374185) **2.50** Shopping (34888382)



Gregory Peck, Jane Fonda and Jimmy Smits star in *Old Gringo*, a tale set during the Mexican Revolution (Sky Movies Gold, 4pm)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am The Box (9052883) **7.00** On the Buses (8872351) **7.30** Nearest and Dearest (8868158) **8.00** The Fenn Street Gang (2136245) **8.30** Mind Your Language (2134516) **9.00** Coronation St (2052968) **9.30** Emmerdale (7455149) **10.00** Jason King (8784142) **11.00** Hawaii Five-O (8877806) **12.00** Coronation St (2138332) **12.30pm** Emmerdale (3855186) **1.00** Up the Garden Path (8871622) **1.30** The Army Game (4205626) **2.00** Within These Walls (8712061) **3.00** Jason King (2798887) **4.00** Hawaii Five-O (2700622) **5.00** Hart to Hart (7029697) **6.00** Emmerdale (5453264) **6.30** Coronation St (5444516) **7.00** Surgical Spirit (7020326) **7.30** The Fenn Street Gang (5360500) **8.00** Dempsey and Makepeace (9965516) **9.00** Coronation St (2706806) **9.30** Hale and Pace (2209041) **10.00** The Comedians (2139061) **10.30** Wheeltappers and Shunters (2042581) **11.00** Men and Motors (2310158)

CARLTON SELECT [CABLE]

5.00pm Blockbusters (40833210) **5.30** Gridlock (91410697) **6.00** Byker Grove (91400210) **6.30** Pull the Other One (91597790) **7.00** Rising Damp (40926974) **7.30** Desmonds (91593974) **8.00** The Bounder (40935622) **8.30** That's Love (40921429) **9.00** St Elsewhere (27743351) **10.00** Auf Wiedersehen, Pet (27640210) **11.00** Boon (93584968) **1.00am** Close

DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Bonkers **6.25** Quack Pack **6.50** Tale Spin **7.15** Aladdin **7.40** Goof Troop **8.00** Timon & Pumbaa **8.30** 101 Dalmatians **9.00** Art Attack **9.35** Mighty Ducks **10.00** Smart Guy **10.30** Teen Angel **11.00** Boy Meets World **11.30** Wonder Years **12.00** Brotherly Love **12.30pm** Dinosaurs **1.00** Jungle Cubs **1.30** Amazing Animals **2.00** Winnie the Pooh **2.15** Bear in the Big Blue House **2.45** Winnie the Pooh **3.00** Timon & Pumbaa **3.30** Aladdin **4.00** 101 Dalmatians **4.30** Recess **4.45** Pepper Ann **5.00** Boy Meets World **7.00 FILM: My Date with the President's Daughter** **8.30** Wonder Years **9.00** Honey, I Shrunk the Kids **9.45** Tex Avery **10.00** Close

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am Power Rangers Zeo **7.00** X-Men **7.25** Casper **7.35** Mortal Kombat **8.00** Goosebumps **8.25** Sam & Max **8.35** Beetleborgs Metallix **9.00** Masked Rider **9.30** Grimm's Fairy Tales **10.00** Pinocchio **10.30** Peter Pan **11.00** Oliver Twist **11.30** Huckleberry Finn **12.00** Gulliver's Travels **12.30pm** Eek! **12.42** Mouse & the Monster **12.54** Casper **1.06** Terrible Thunderlizards **1.18** Sam & Max **1.30** Pizza Cats **2.00** Eagle Riders **2.30** Conan **3.00** Fantastic Four **3.30** Donkey Kong Country **4.00** Mortal Kombat **4.50** Casper **5.00** Goosebumps **5.25** Eerie, Indiana **5.50** Sam & Max **6.00** Goosebumps **6.25** Sweet Valley High **6.50** Home to Rent **7.00** Close

NICKELODEON

6.00am Count Duckula **6.30** The Littlest Pet Shop **7.00** Hey Arnold! **7.30** Rugrats **8.00** Doug **8.30** Oscar's Orchestra **9.00** CBBC **10.00** Wimzie's House **10.30** Babar **11.00** The Magic School Bus **11.30** PB Bear etc **12.00** Rugrats **12.30pm** Blue's Clues **1.00** Bananas in Pyjamas **1.30** Franklin **2.00** Papa Beaver **2.30** CBBC **3.30** Doug **4.00** Pippi Longstocking **4.30** Rugrats **5.00** Sister Sister **5.30** Kenan & Kel **6.00** Sabrina **6.30** Alien Strange **7.00** Close

TROUBLE

7.00am Earthworm Jim **7.30** USA High **8.00** Saved by the Bell: The College Years **8.30** California Dreams **9.00** Hang Time **9.30** Heartbreak High **10.30** Echo Point **11.00** Ready or Not **11.30** Earthworm Jim **12.00** Sweat **12.30pm** Heartbreak High **1.30** Echo Point **2.00** Hollyoaks **2.30** Blast **3.00** Sweat **3.30** Ready or Not **4.00** Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **4.30** Saved by the Bell: The College Years **5.00** Hollyoaks **5.30** California Dreams **6.00** Hang Time **6.30** Bangs **6.45** What a Life **7.00** USA High **7.30** Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **8.00** Close

CHALLENGE TV

5.00pm Crosswits **5.45** Family Fortunes **6.30** Catchphrase **7.15** Fifteen to One **7.55** The Crystal Maze **9.15** Strike It Lucky **10.00** 3-2-1 **11.15** Through the Keyhole **12.00** Sale of the Century **12.30am** Moonlighting **1.30** The Big Valley **2.30** Big Brother Jake **3.00** Snowy River: The McGregor Saga **4.00** Motormouth **5.00** Screenshop

BRAVO

8.00pm A-Team (8706239) **9.00** *Real Stories of the Highway Patrol* (4740332) **9.30** Cops (7867790) **10.00** Italian Stripping Housewives (2807697) **10.30** Red Shoe Diaries (2989245) **11.00 FILM: The Boys Next Door (1985)** (3051061) **1.00am** Beverly Hills Bordello (1855949) **1.30** *Italian Stripping Housewives* (3942369) **2.00** *Real Stories of the Highway Patrol* (3351982) **2.30** Cops (3370017) **3.00 FILM: Parasite (1982)** (9646678) **5.00** A-Team (4324497)

PARAMOUNT COMEDY

7.00pm Sister Sister (1061) **7.30** Roseanne (2429) **8.00** Grace Under Fire (4581) **8.30** Caroline in the City (8516) **9.00** Cybill (39351) **9.30** Ellen (21993) **10.00** Frasier (83245) **10.30** Cheers (92993) **11.00** Monty Python (45968) **11.30** Festival of Fun (48158) **12.00** Nurses (28678) **12.30am** It's Garry Shandling's Show (73630) **1.00** Frasier (97456) **1.30** Cheers (42494) **2.00** Caroline in the City (98746) **2.30** Festival of Fun (77253) **3.00** Roseanne (59320) **3.30** Cybill (91833) **4.00** Close

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

8.00pm Quantum Leap (8120429) **9.00** PSI Factor (8133993) **10.00 FILM: Invader (1995)** (8705697) **11.45** Masters of Fantasy (5471535) **12.00** Sightings (7132765) **1.00am** The Bionic Woman (4756098) **2.00** Friday the 13th (7060369) **3.00** Tales of the Unexpected (1379727) **3.30** Dark Shadows (5886659) **4.00** Close

HOME & LEISURE

9.00am Joy of Painting **9.25** Home and Leisure House **9.30** Garden Show **10.00** Garden Calendar **10.30** In the Workshop **11.00** Screaming Reels **11.30** Homeame **12.00** Our House **12.30pm** Home Again **1.00** Cookabout **1.30** Furniture to Go **2.00** This Old House **2.30** The Great House Games **3.00** Go Fishing **3.30** This Old House

DISCOVERY

4.00pm The Dicemen **4.30** Top Marques **5.00** First Flights **5.30** History's Turning Points **6.00** Animal Doctor **6.30** Dawn of the Dragons **7.30** Mysterious Universe **8.00** Operation in Orbit **9.00** *Shipwreck!* **10.00** Medical Detectives **10.30** Medical Detectives **11.00** Forensic Detectives **12.00** First Flights **12.30am** Top Marques **1.00** Wonders of Weather **2.00** Close

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

7.00pm The Nature of the Game **7.30** Women and Animals **8.00** The Rhino War **9.00** Arctic Refuge. A Vanishing Refuge **10.00** A Man, a Plan and a Canal: Panama **11.00** Snake Invasion **11.30** Snakebite **12.00** Chesapeake Borne **1.00am** Close

TRAVEL [CABLE]

12.00 The Great Escape **12.30pm** On The Horizon **1.00** Ridge Riders **1.30** The Rich Tradition **2.00** On Tour **2.30** Reel World **3.00** People And The Places Of Africa **3.30** Whicker's World **4.00** Destinations **5.00** Ridge Riders **5.30** Cities Of The World **6.00** The Rich Tradition **6.30** On Tour **7.00** The Great Escape **7.30** On The Horizon **8.00** Go Greece **8.30** Flavours Of France **9.00** *Destinations* **10.00** *Reel World* **10.30** Food Lovers' Guide To Australia **11.00** Cities Of The World **11.30** Whicker's World **12.00** Close

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Battleline **4.30** World War One **5.00** Weapons at War **6.00** Ancient Mysteries **7.00** Four Years of Thunder **8.00** Close

CARLTON FOOD [CABLE]

9.00am Food Network Daily **9.30** Food for Thought **10.00** Dilly Dines Out **10.30** A Taste of the Caribbean **11.00** Graham Kerr **11.30** Kitchen College **12.00** Food Network Daily **12.30pm** Westcountry Kitchen **1.00** Food for Thought **1.30** Ideal Home Cooks **2.00** Chef on a Shoestring **2.30** Food Network Daily **3.00** A Year at Ballymaloe **3.30** Kitchen College **4.00** From the Ground Up **4.30** Sophie's Meal Course **5.00** Close

LIVING

6.00am Tiny Living **9.00** Rolonda **9.50** Jerry Springer **10.40** The Young and the Restless **11.30** Brookside **12.00** Jimmy's **12.35pm** Animal Rescue **1.00** Rescue 911 **1.30** Ready, Steady, Cook **2.05** Rolonda **2.55** Living It Up **3.55** Jerry Springer **4.45** Tempest! **5.35** Ready, Steady, Cook **6.10** Jerry Springer **7.00** Rescue 911 **7.30** Mysteries, Magic and Miracles **8.00** Side Effects **9.00 FILM: No One Could Protect Her** **11.00** Sex Life Down Under

ZEE TV

6.30am Namaste **7.00** Jaagran **7.30** Business **8.00** News **8.30** Buniyaad **9.00** Anter Ne Ekant **9.30** Filmi Bastein **10.00** Amar Bail **11.00** Pot Luck **11.30** Kurukshetra **12.00** FILM **3.00pm** Chashme Badoor **3.30** Dastaan **4.00** Campus **4.30** Vikram Aur Betaal **5.00** Aur Ek Minute **5.30** Fairdeal Antakshari **6.00** Banegi Apni Baat **6.30** Lollywood **7.00** Dam Dama Dam **7.30** Cinemagic **8.00** News **8.30** Andaz **9.30** Hasratein **10.00** Shotgun Show **10.30** Suspence **11.30** Horror **12.00** Close

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Australian women take control of one-day series

SPORT

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FOOTBALL 45
Kanchelskis wings in to join the Rangers revolution



Strong winds promising to make Royal Birkdale a fearsome examination

Faldo predicts toughest Open for years

KEVIN LAMARQUE



Montgomerie walks towards the deserted stands around the 18th at the end of his early-morning practice session. On Sunday they will be packed to overflowing to acclaim the winner of the 127th Open

BY JOHN HOPKINS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

LET us enjoy the anticipation at the prospect of the 127th Open and quell any cynicism that tends to surface at times like this. There is genuine excitement about the eighth Open to be played at Royal Birkdale because it appears to contain all the ingredients necessary to become one of the most memorable. Considering the thrills that John Daly and Costantino Rocca gave us at St Andrews in 1995, and the skill that Greg Norman, Nick Faldo and Bernhard Langer demonstrated at Royal St George's in 1993, this is saying something.

There is always a buzz on the eve of the Open, when the wind snatches at the flags, the metal supports of the tents clatter and the canvas strains and flaps, and the players joke one with another on practice ground and tee. This year there is also the added and enormous bonus that Royal Birkdale, a magnificent course, is in magnificent condition. The fairways look impeccable and the rough, nourished by rain instead, as is so often the case, being shrivelled by the sun, is thick yet not completely impenetrable.

TELEVISION TODAY: BBC2 10.30am-12.30pm; BBC1 12.30-1pm; BBC2 1.40-2.05pm; BBC1 2.05-3.30pm, BBC2 3.30-7.30pm, Highlights BBC2 9.45-10.30pm.

Even the previously maligned greens, now relaid and redesigned, are receiving praise. "I will give the greens an A in two categories," Tom Watson, the 1983 champion here, said. "The surfaces are now very good. In 1991 they were very spongy. I also give them an A in redesign. They have the approval of a tough critic in Ben Crenshaw."

What seems certain to mark out the event from its immediate predecessors is the weather. No Open is wholly satisfactory unless it is played out for at least part of the time under glowering skies with a rising wind, because these are the conditions that best test a golfer's all-round skill.

In practice this year the conditions have been like this — and more so — even though yesterday the strong wind and rain of earlier in the week were replaced by a mere zephyr, brighter skies and some sunshine. "The 2nd, 6th, 10th, 15th and 16th are into the teeth of the wind," Nick Faldo said. "The rest of the holes are either left to right or right to left. This will be as tough an Open as we have had for a long time."

A strong wind calls for impeccable striking and the mental fortitude to play a 410-yard hole with a driver and a long iron before tackling one of 485 yards with a three-wood and a sand-wedge.

"The wind creates an element of doubt," Watson said. The doubts come on the exposed tees such as the 4th, the 13th and 17th, and on the greens when the wind tugs at the trousers and there is a feeling that, at any minute, the club will be half-wrenched out of the hand.

Name the truest strikers and the best stroke-makers in the field and you immediately identify the potential winners. These include Justin Leonard, the defending champion, who has completed 77 holes in practice this year compared with 80 last year; Ernie Els, who has not finished worse than 24th in the past six Opens; Lee Westwood, who with David Duval is vying for the title of the most successful golfer in the world these past nine months, and Colin Montgomerie, who played the outward nine holes on Tuesday evening and the inward nine starting at 7am yesterday.

There is a coincidence linking Lee Janzen, who became US Open champion for the second time last month, and Montgomerie, a concidence that Montgomerie will welcome. On the eve of the US Open, Janzen got lost in San Francisco. On Tuesday, Montgomerie could not find the his way into the players' car park.

Were Montgomerie, Europe's leading player these past five years, to be likened to a horse in the paddock before a race, he would be described as looking relaxed and with no apparent signs of nervous friskiness. This is a Montgomerie the like of which has not been seen at this event in recent years. He even managed to laugh about his own abysmal record in the championship.

Tom Lehman's chances took a tumble when he injured himself while at a pleasure park with his children on Tuesday evening. But if the wind blows, then Lehman's natural strength, his ability to extricate his ball from the rough with one heave of those massive shoulders, will stand him in good stead.

Watson might be a long shot to win again, but this is not the player who endured such putting woes at Turnberry four years ago. He is relaxed and the truth is that he seems reborn. The fact that Watson will be 49 in September is of little relevance.

This is a course that needs experience, which he, competing in his fourth Open at this venue, has in abundance. So, too, has Mark O'Meara, the Masters champion, who has won on these links. He is a fine striker and strokemaker now at his absolute peak.

Composure is not something that one thinks of in relation to Tiger Woods, whom I don't believe will win because he has not yet learnt the art of self-control, and Daly, whose enormous length may be of no advantage unless the wind blows.

"Have you got the patience to plot your way around this course, perhaps without using your driver?" Daly was asked. "Hell no," the engaging 1995 Open champion replied. "My patience lasted for two days at the US Open and then at the weekend I started to use my driver again. This is a course where, if the wind blows real hard, I know I have a chance. But if it stops, you know it's going to be a putting contest. I am not putting well enough to make a bunch of birdies."

Last year, Leonard's putting over much of the last round had to be seen to be believed. If the weather forecast is accurate, then this year's champion will emerge after a sterner examination of every aspect of his game. Whoever it is, one thing is certain: he will be a worthy champion.

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GOLF'S MAJOR LEAGUE

YEAR	US MASTERS	US OPEN	OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP	US PGA
1998	M O'Meara (US)	L Janzen (US)	?	?
1997	T Woods (US)	E Els (SA)	J Leonard (US)	D Love III (US)
1996	N Faldo (GB)	S Jones (US)	T Lehman (US)	M Brooks (US)
1995	B Crenshaw (US)	C Pavin (US)	J Daly (US)	S Elkington (Aus)
1994	JM Olazábal (Sp)	E Els (SA)	N Price (Zim)	N Price (Zim)

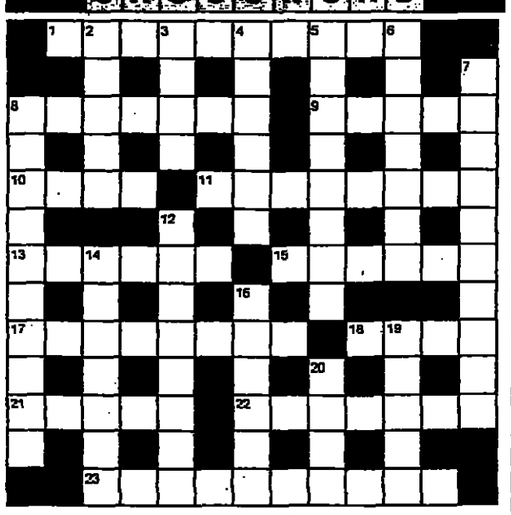
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The last 15 majors have been won by 15 different players

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Lost master turns to trusted aid

Matt Dickinson reports on Nick Faldo's latest attempt to cure his putting woes

IN NEED of some reminder of how it was once to be the best golfer on the planet, Nick Faldo went to his cupboard this week. Out, like some lucky charm, came the putter with which he triumphed at the Masters in 1989. The cobwebs brushed away, he will wield it around Royal Birkdale this afternoon, but it will take much more than a change of club to recapture the grandeur of his game.

Not since he arrived at Birkdale in 1976, a fresh-faced teenager at his first Open Championship, has Faldo been so anonymous, so removed from the eager chatter over likely contenders. Dismissed as a 50-1 outsider, the bookmakers will not have been cutting their odds yesterday after a practice round that proved he is still groping in the dark for his game.

He tried to talk positively, claiming the enforced rest caused by a painful case of golfer's elbow had helped, rather than hindered, his preparations.

"It's been good to reflect on a few things," he said. "I have had to throttle back and I am getting a smoother, even tempo. I believe there will be a turnaround in the next couple of months. Yeah, there's a major in there somewhere."

But it was optimism contradicted by the evidence of his haphazard 18 holes, played mostly with the familiar grim-faced austerity. While Ballesteros brings a certain swashbuckling glamour to his search for former glories, Faldo brings only muttered curses. Asked yesterday why he appeared downhearted, he snapped back that he was "perfectly all right" and in the process proved that he was anything but.

His driving is inconsistent, some of his approach play unconvincing, but it is on the greens that Faldo is truly suffering. It is not a pretty sight. "What has Faldo got in common with a moped? They both go putt, putt, putt," joked one cruel, but insightful, wag yesterday. When it comes to the greens, the Englishman is indeed spluttering around fitfully like some clapped-out two-wheeler.

Of more than 50 mid-range putts yesterday, barely a handful can have dropped. Typical was his misery on the 177-yard 7th hole, where his iron shot flew straight and true to land six feet from the pin.

As four attempts slipped past from either side of the hole, he threw up his head in despair and even a sympathetic gallery laced its applause with ironic cheers when one finally found the target.

Faldo claims that the elbow injury that forced him off the practice ground for three days — a lifetime in his meticulous schedule — enabled more time for putting, but it appears to have done little good. Nor has the return of a trusted weapon. Hunched over his club, arms locked rigid under the watchful gaze of David Leadbetter, his mentor, he looked a tense, anxious figure.

It has been two years since Faldo won the last of his six majors, the 1996 Masters, and he has lifted only one title since, the Nissan Open. His best finish this year is eighteenth and he missed the cut at Augusta and the US Open.

He was clutching at straws yesterday when he cited the return to Birkdale as something in his favour. It was here in 1983 that he was so close to winning his first Open before slipping to eighth and he said yesterday that the experience "was the start of my learning curve. I really learnt from that and I have good memories of playing here."

For Faldo, who is 41 on Saturday, there is a danger that memories are all he will have unless he can quickly snap out of his lacklustre form.

A practice round yesterday with Ernie Els and Justin Rose, the highly-rated 17-year-old amateur from Hampshire, will have been a further reminder of the march of time. "Seventeen?," Faldo exclaimed. "Don't you just hate it."

Faldo's record in the Open is a remarkable one, with three victories and 12 finishes in the top 12. In 22 championships, he has never missed the cut. "I feel a lot better than a 50-1 shot," he said. "I think there is a good chance for a few punters to earn a few quid." Just don't put your mortgage on it.

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Faldo plays from a greenside bunker yesterday

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